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*Faith. Family. Community*



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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Enthusiastic Church School students sing and smile during the Holy Trinity 2022 Christmas Pageant on December 18. See more Community Life photos on pages 9-15.

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## WELCOME TO THE CENTENNIAL: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS...ALL YEAR!

THE NEWS MAGAZINE OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA



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**OUR VISION**  
**Faith. Family. Community.**

**OUR MISSION**  
**The mission of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is to proclaim and live the Orthodox Christian Faith in its fullness as faithful members of the Body of Christ.**

# Raise up the foundations of many generations.

**Isaiah 58.12**

My beloved Holy Trinity family,

When the Capital Campaign for the new Holy Trinity Church launched in 2008, we drew inspiration from the Prophet Isaiah for its theme, quoted above. As we celebrate 10 years in this still-new, beautiful and sacred home, and we complete 100 years as a parish, we do so as one family with thanks and glorify God for the courage, strength and blessings with which He so richly equipped us to fulfill that to which He called us, as embodied in our Mission Statement: "to proclaim and live the Orthodox Christian Faith in its fullness as faithful members of the Body of Christ."

The sign pictured to the right stood at the corner of our property all during the construction, inviting all to "Come and See." Many have, by the thousands during our Open House, annual Festival and other community events. Many have stayed and joined themselves to the Body of Christ by becoming members of the Orthodox Christian Faith and Holy Trinity Church. What a joy it has been for us all to be part of this wonder.



As we traverse the course of this celebratory year—100 years as a parish and 10 years in our new home—we will take every opportunity to look three ways all at once:

1. **GIVE THANKS** and remember everything and everyone who from humble beginnings in 1923 have brought us to where we are today;
2. **GIVE ALL** as our ancestors and founders did, of our time, talents, treasures out of love for this Holy Church so that we may equip and grow it to be what God has called us to be as we bear witness to Christ and minister to all those who come here and to the world around us;
3. **GIVE HOPE** to those who will follow in the coming generations that they may stand on the rock of Jesus Christ in faith and face all that is to come on the solid foundations of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Holy Trinity Church indeed comprises many generations: from our beloved great grandparents to the great grandchildren yet to come, all connected by Faith, Family and Community. May the Centennial be a truly great celebration of them all. Presvytera Becky and I thank you and thank God for blessing us with the honor of serving this wonderful parish family for the past 29 years, and as we enter our 30th year with you in 2023, be assured you remain in our hearts, our prayers and our love.

Pastorally and paternally yours in Christ,



# JANUARY

## WORSHIP LIFE

### Weekday Services - January

In addition to regular Sunday Orthros at 8:30am, and Divine Liturgy at 9:30am, the following weekday services will be offered this month. Please see the online parish calendar at [HolyTrinityPgh.org/calendar](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/calendar) for updates. (HT=Holy Trinity Church; SG=Saint George Chapel.)

- **Thu. Jan 5, 8:30am: Royal Hours of Theophany**  
*This special service offers readings, prophecies and hymns which point to and interpret Holy Theophany.* (HT)
- **Thu. Jan. 5, 6:30PM Vespertal Liturgy of Theophany**  
*This is the first of two Theophany Liturgies and services of Great Blessings of the Waters. Please note that this is also a strict fasting day in preparation for the Feast. (EVENING Liturgy begins at 6:30pm)* (HT)
- **Fri. Jan. 6: the Holy Theophany of our Lord**  
This is the main Orthros and Divine Liturgy of this great Feast along with the Great Blessing of the Waters. (HT)
- **Sat. Jan. 7: Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (SG)**
- **Tue. Jan. 17, 9:00am: St. Anthony the Great**  
*Note: This service is being offered at Saint Anthony Church in Clairton (424 Miller Ave.) as part of the outreach ministry of Holy Trinity Church. 9:00am Orthros/10:00am Divine Liturgy.*
- **Tue. Jan. 17, 5:30pm: Paraclesis to the Theotokos (SG)**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Church School Starts with Church!

Attention all Holy Trinity parents and youth! Start off the New Year right: remember that **Church School begins with Divine Liturgy**, so all our students and families should be there at 9:30 am each Sunday. The youth sermon—a special time for your priests to teach and connect with our youth—takes place early in the service after the Gospel, so they won't want to miss that. Also, parents and young people please remember that all youth ministries at Holy Trinity Church begin with Church School, so the first step in signing up to any youth ministry activities at Holy Trinity is...attending worship services! Thanks for your faithful participation!

### No Church School Class .....December 25, January 1

Attention, parents: there will be no Church School class on December 25 and January 1 due to the holiday break. But

this is *not* a break from worship, so please join together to worship as a family on those days.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### GOYA Meeting ..... January 22

The GOYA teen ministry will be holding its monthly meeting on Sunday, January 22, in the Conference Room following Church School. All teens are invited to attend.

### GOYA Basketball Practices ..... January 9, 23

GOYA will hold basketball practice at NAI from 6:00-8:00pm on January 9 & 23. Watch the GOYA email list for updates and details.

### GOYA Metropolis Basketball Tournaments .... January

Our Holy Trinity GOYA teens, coaches and parents will once again be representing our community at the 2023 Metropolis Basketball Tournaments. The first one will be hosted by Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill from January 13-15. The second will be at Saint Demetrios Church in Rocky River, Ohio, from January 28-30. Please know that the entire GOYA is so thankful for the many ways this parish supports this vital teen ministry. Funds raised throughout the year assist our youth in attending not only tournaments, but retreats, camps, mission trips and more. And the community as grateful for the faithful witness our teams and adults represent Holy Trinity Church through their honorable conduct and good sportsmanship. God bless you all!

### JOY Games & Pizza Party ..... January 22

Attention all Holy Trinity JOY children (3rd -6th grades): Join us in the Fireside Room after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 22, for an afternoon of playing board games. The event runs until 2:00pm. Games include Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders, Trouble, Guess Who, Sequence, Apples to Apples, UNO, Go Fish, Don't Break the Ice, Memory, Yahtzee, Dominos, Checkers, Chinese Checkers, Chess, Jenga and more. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided. RSVP to [JOY@HolyTrinityPgh.org](mailto:JOY@HolyTrinityPgh.org) so we know how much food to prepare. See you there!

## PHILOTOCHOS MINISTRY NEWS

### Philoptochos Meeting..... January 29

Holy Trinity Philoptochos will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, January 29, in the Fireside Room following Divine Liturgy. All members are invited to attend. Ladies, still not a member of Philoptochos? Get involved. Sign up at the meeting!

## COMMUNITY NEWS &amp; EVENTS

**Parish Council Installation ..... January 8**

As per the Parish Regulations, the 2023 Holy Trinity Parish Council will be installed following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 8. Please continue to support and pray for them as they serve you and this community, and always be ready to step up and respond when the Parish Council sends out the call for laborers in vineyard to serve the Church!

**Centennial Kickoff Vasilopita Celebration ..... Jan. 8**

On Sunday, January 8, Holy Trinity Philoptochos will kick off our Centennial year with the first event by offering its annual Vasilopita celebration in the Grand Room following the Divine Liturgy. A portion of the proceeds from the Vasilopita celebration go to the Saint Basil Academy, and education and philanthropic institution of the Archdiocese.

**"Parish Family Game Night" ..... January 13**

Come at 7pm for an evening of games, fun and fellowship for all ages! Lots of great board games, skill exercises and more. Bring your own favorites with you to share! Popcorn, snacks, and drinks provided. It's for the entire family, so bring Papou & Yiayia, Mom & Dad, too!

**Hospitality Hour Hosts Needed for January/February**

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to host our newly reformatted "Hospitality Hour" following our Sunday Divine Liturgies. There are a number of available Sundays in January and February. Remember a loved one. Celebrate a special event. Contact Stacy Dickos at 412-298-9409 or email [hospitality@HolyTrinityPgh.org](mailto:hospitality@HolyTrinityPgh.org) to reserve.

**Holy Trinity on Pittsburgh Faith & Family Channel**

As part of our outreach to the Pittsburgh region around us, Holy Trinity Church services have been on the Pittsburgh Faith and Family Channel for a number of years. Our services are broadcast on Sundays at 2pm, Tuesdays at 4am and Fridays at 11am. They can be found on Armstrong channel 95, FIOS channel 472 and Comcast channel 1185. The full video of services can also be found at any time on our website at [HolyTrinityPgh.org/videos](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/videos).

## REALM NEWS

**Realm is Here!**

As announced over the past few weeks, Holy Trinity Church has taken a momentous leap forward in its ability to serve and communicate with all our members by launching the new Realm software platform. On a membership level, Realm brings new giving and pledging opportunities for our stewards to donate and track their Stewardship treasures offered in support of our ministries.

And that's just the beginning. As new features are rolled out over the next few months, Realm will provide better communications and interaction on every level for our offices, ministries and parishioners. Keep watching for information and announcements on how to make Realm work for you!

**Activate Your Holy Trinity Realm Account Today**

With the adoption of Realm, Holy Trinity Church's membership and stewardship databases have been converted and imported in the new system. That means every parishioner now has a Holy Trinity Realm account. But in order to access that account and use its features, it must be activated by responding to the invitation sent to all our parishioners by the office. This is one of the many security features Realm offers to protect your data and your privacy.

Are you a member of Holy Trinity Church but did not receive your invitation? Contact by the Church office by sending a request to [realm@HolyTrinityPgh.org](mailto:realm@HolyTrinityPgh.org) or call 412-366-8700

**Time to Switch Your Old Vanco Autopay to Realm**

Another change with the adoption of Realm is the discontinuation of the old system of autopay through Vanco. An email has been sent to those who are on the old autopay system with instructions on how to cancel that payment and subscribe to the new Realm autopay. Doing so will greatly assist the Church Office and will guarantee that all contributions made through the Realm system will be recorded and available to view in your Realm app or on your Realm online account. It's fast and easy and helps ensure you always stay current with your pledge—a critical matter in keep Holy Trinity Church's finances well-balanced throughout the year.

If you are not yet on either the old or the new autopay system, visit [HolyTrinityPgh.org/give-info](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/give-info) for direct links to both pledging and giving. This system allows you to donate to Stewardship, the Completion and Consecration Campaign, Candles, Memorials, Agape Fund, General Contributions and more. You may select a one-time donation or set up recurring giving with a schedule that works for you. Thank you for your support! ❖



# WELCOME TO THE CENTENNIAL

Celebrating 100 Years...All Year!

Giving thanks for the past...

Rejoicing in the present...

Preparing for the future!

CELEBRATING

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YEARS  
ALL YEAR!

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## It's Here! All Year!

We celebrate many things in life. The first things that come to mind are birthdays, anniversaries, namedays and graduations. These are wonderful opportunities to rejoice in life, faith, progress and accomplishments. But most celebrations last one day. We prepare—sometimes for a long time ahead of time—the day comes for the celebration, and then it's gone.

Not so with Holy Trinity Church's Centennial Celebration! As of January 1, 2023, we embark on a year-long commemoration of the 100 years of our past, the full celebratory year of our present and the look ahead to the next 100 years to come.

## All In!

To do so, all the ministries of Holy Trinity Church will play an important part. Coordinating all that will be our **Centennial Committee**, chaired by **Anthony and Alexandra Balouris**. An important Centennial launch meeting took place on December 17 (pictured at right) with representatives from almost all Holy Trinity ministries present. The entire year was reviewed

and each ministry was asked to plan activities and contribute ideas oriented toward involving the entire community in the celebrations.

In addition, we are also celebrating the ministries themselves and the presence and contributions they offer. The Hospitality Hour will highlight different ministries each month to educate and invite members to join.

## Everyone is Invited!

There will be many opportunities for everyone to participate at many levels. Regular recurring events will be elevated to Centennial status, and

special events will be added throughout the year.

The pinnacle of the year will be the Consecration Weekend, November 3-5, with the Consecration Vespers on Friday, the Consecration Liturgy and Luncheon on Saturday, and Liturgy and the Centennial Gala Celebration on Sunday. Mark your calendar!

In short, to put a little twist on our greeting to the children at each Sunday Youth Sermon, "This is the **YEAR** that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Congratulations to all! Glory to God! Let's celebrate! ❖



December 17: The Holy Trinity Centennial Committee convenes to plan for the year

# This Is Our Time

## Answering God's Love with Our Own As We Give Back to the Giver



It all started with Love. We just became once again witnesses to the greatest act of unselfish love, through the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. God's endless love for the human race. Panagia's motherly love and sacrifice. Joseph's noble love. Then, throughout His teachings, Jesus continued to lead by example; He taught us to love one another and to be compassionate toward those in need. Then, before He ascended, through the Apostles, He made us disciples of all nations and commanded that we spread the Gospel to all creation.

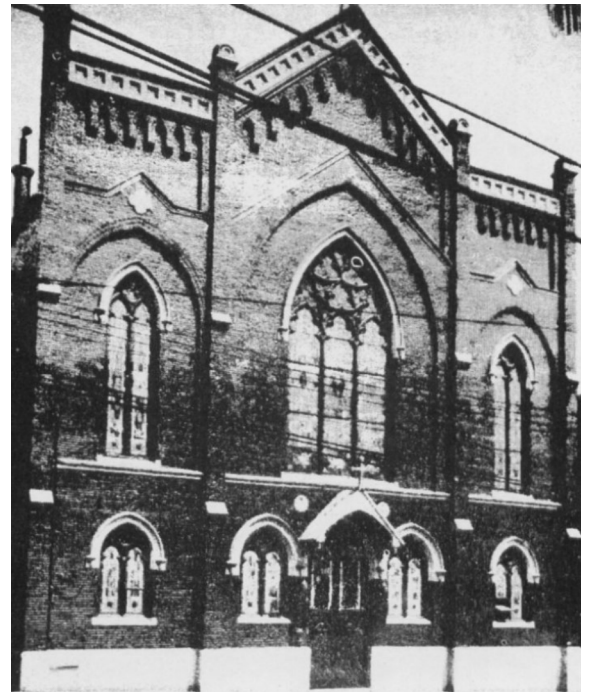
Over the centuries that followed the Gospel of Jesus Christ indeed began to spread through all creation – from the Jews, to the Greeks, to new lands and faraway peoples. To be sure, it did not happen without tremendous sacrifices of love, persecutions and immeasurable hardships that crowned so many faithful Christian martyrs, but true followers of Jesus were always strengthened by the Holy Spirit as they proclaimed their belief in the true faith.

A recent documentary offered an account of 18th century settlers in the United States. A group of immigrants were given land in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. Families began setting up tents and temporary shelters. Then, a group of leaders surveyed the area and found the perfect spot. On top of a hill above their future homes they'd build their church. So, every

single member of the group, before they had their own place to live, began the back-breaking work of cutting and carrying logs and stone up the hill for their community's place of worship. "A man must surely build God's house first before building a house for himself", explained one of the elders.

One hundred years ago, another devout group of Pennsylvania pilgrims arrived at a similar conclusion. They didn't have the luxury of choosing a hilltop, but rather a small building on the Northside of Pittsburgh would have to do. It was a humble beginning, but one achieved with sweat and tears nonetheless. These pioneers of great faith would not let their meager means and grueling work days get in their way of realizing their dream of having a Greek Orthodox Church to anchor their community.

Every ounce of their energy, every waking moment was expended on making their new church of the Holy Trinity a reality. Looking back now, we marvel at their unyielding faith, perseverance and vision. We speak of love and true sacrificial stewardship nowadays, and oftentimes our minds struggle to comprehend its full meaning.



**1931: Holy Trinity's first church building at 606 Sandusky Street, North Side**

Instead, we only need to look back to our own history to find a clear example, not just in the founders of our church (who sometimes had to go door-to-door to collect the funds necessary just to pay for the weekly utilities so that they can hold the next Liturgy), but also the ones who followed through the generations—and to this day—with their own sacrificial contributions.

When our church needed to move to its 302 North Ave location, the members (now the children of the original founders), began raising the \$217,000



necessary for the new building in 1958.

In 1961, the church was built and consecrated. In less than two years' time, these laborers, coal miners, steelworkers, restaurateurs, clerks, barbers and housewives of this community paid off what would be today \$2.2 million for their church to become a reality.

Hard times would still come, but somehow always overcome – there were times that payroll could not be met until the ladies were done with the “Wednesday Lunch” cash receipts, at which point the Treasurer would deliver the cash bag to the bank and then stop at the church office to sign payroll checks.

A similar scenario of extraordinary giving repeated itself with our new beautiful church and a bigger dream that began in 2011.

“They said it couldn’t be done” is one of the phrases most used for things that are beyond business planning and logic. But not here at Holy Trinity Church. Our DNA has a “we will get it

done whatever it takes” heredity. We are overachievers. We are visionaries. We are hopeful. We put our full faith in Christ.

If a family generation lasts about 25 years, we are now entering the 5th generation of Holy Trinity families and community. Generations 1-4 look to us and count on us. Today’s generation of church leaders are being called—or will be called—to answer the challenge of keeping the dream of this holy church alive and growing.

If you are reading this and your first thought is “He’s talking about someone else, not me,” please think again. God has given us all gifts. Some are pronounced and others are hidden. When we are called to serve, to be good stewards of His creation and kingdom on earth, all we are doing is using our God-given gifts for their intended purpose – to give back to the Giver. We are especially blessed with so many gifted young people, many of whom are leaders in their field—creative, energetic, thoughtful. Christ’s call to each of us can be loud and clear, like that to the Apostles, or sub-

tle. It can be that inside voice that you may be hearing occasionally – maybe right now – whispering in your head “I’ve got to do more; I know I can help here; I have some ideas; this church is mine, what have I done for it?”

Please don’t ignore that voice. It is the call to answer God’s love with our own, straight from the heart. This year we are not just celebrating the past 100 years. We are entering the Second Holy Trinity Centennial! How it will take shape, what will be achieved and how it will be remembered depend on our actions, and especially the leadership of many who God has blessed with the gifts and talents to be the leaders of the next generation.

A verse in Greek poem translates like this: “Under the ground, in their crossed hands, our ancestors are holding, the rope of the church bell – they wait for the time, to ring in the good news.”

Let’s make sure the bell rings with every generation. This is our time to make it happen. ❖

Mike Kritiotis  
and the Stewardship Ministry



1960: Holy Trinity's second church building at 302 West Avenue



2013: Our new home at 985 Providence Boulevard, North Hills

# Faith & Family Weekdays

## Something for Everyone

### JOM

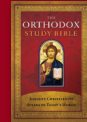
**Journey of Marriage**  
1st Tuesday, 7:00pm



Marriage seminar aimed at preparing couples for their wedding. Based on the "Journey of Marriage" course by Dr. Philip Mamalakis. Conducted as group sessions with couples to share and grow together. Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2.

### ETW

**Explore the Word**  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm



Father Radu continues his exploration of the Holy Bible, this time with a survey of the Old Testament. Learn about prophets, biblical history and the story of God's chosen people in their journeys and struggles. Watch the Bulletin and online calendar for dates.

### MPS

**Monthly Paraclesis Service**  
Monthly on Tuesdays, 6:30pm



Come and spend an hour in hymns and prayer, honoring the Theotokos, Saint Nektarios and Saint Paisios of Athos at our beautiful Saint George Chapel. Pray for those in need. Renew your spirit in peace and prayer. Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 20 (Mon.).

### FGN

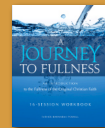
**Family Game Night**  
Second Friday, 7:00pm



Games, fun and fellowship for all ages! Board games, skill exercises and more. Bring your own favorites with you to share! Popcorn, snacks and drinks provided. It's for the entire family, so bring Papou & Yiayia, Mom & Dad, too! Jan. 13.

### JTF

**Journey to Fullness**  
Mondays (6-week series), 7:00pm



An overview of the Orthodox Christian Faith for newcomers interested in joining or life-long members yearning to deepen their understanding. Format: Videos and Q&A/discussion. Spring series dates: Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22, Jun. 12.

### P&P

**Prayer & Panera**  
2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00am



Prayer and Christian fellowship for men. Meets at church promptly at 7:00 a.m. for a 15-20 minute morning prayer and scripture, then moves up the hill to Panera for 45 minutes of coffee & conversation. Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 2, 16, more.

**F**aith and Family Weekdays offers something for everyone to grow in their faith and share in community. Ready to learn more about the Bible, about your Faith, about navigating life's challenges as a Christian, a woman or a man? It's all there.

Enjoy games, fun and fellowship with other parish families of all ages at **Family Game Night**! For adults and young people, too! Newly engaged? Prepare for Christian marriage at the **Journey of Marriage** sessions. Share the journey and grow together with other couples. Spend quiet time in prayer and fellowship time over coffee at the **Saint Nikodemos "Prayer and Panera" Men's Prayer Fellowship**. There are lots of other opportunities to learn about the Faith, the Bible, marriage and Christian living. Watch the bulletin and check the online calendar at [HolyTrinityPgh.org/calendar](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/calendar) for details and locations.

### ALSO WATCH FOR THESE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES!

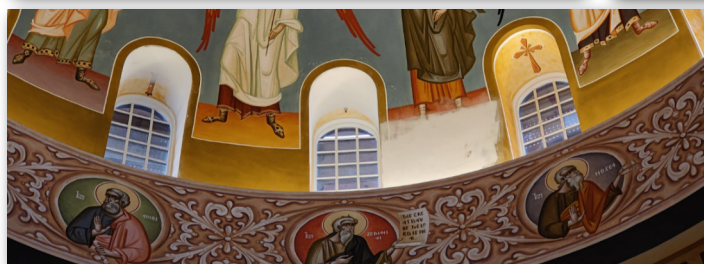
**Saint Euphrosynos Liturgical Cooking Classes:** Learn how to make Prosforo (Divine Liturgy Bread), Kollyva (Memorial Wheat), Arto (Bread for the Blessing of the Five Loaves) and Fanouropita (St. Fanourios bread). Dates TBA.

**Community Christmas Caroling:** Adults and youth will head over to the Sisters of Divine Providence on Wed. Dec. 21 at 6:30pm to bring Christmas blessings!





As Holy Trinity Church prepares to enter its 100th year as a community and 10 years in the new church, repair work has started on leaks in the dome that started in 2014. The Parish Council and Building Committee have been working with experts to fix the problems once and for all. Interior work has involved repairs to the walls of the dome damaged by the leaks. Our iconographers will do the restoration work when they arrive in January. Exterior work has required the removal and replacement of the copper skin. Pictured here (top to bottom) is the damage, the work in progress and the repairs to the dome interior wall.















**The Holy Trinity Church S  
December**





# School Christmas Pageant - 18, 2022











The only-  
begotten Son is  
seen as a mortal,  
lying in a spare  
manger; and He,  
the Lord of glory,  
is wrapped in  
swaddling  
clothes.

Christmas Eve Service  
of the Royal Hours



# 2022 Nativity Poinsettias

Thank you to the many parishioners and friends who  
offered donations to adorn the Church with  
beautiful poinsettias for the celebration of the  
Nativity of Christ. May those you have honored be  
blessed and remembered always!

Bill & Lynda M. Areheart ..... In gratitude for her dedication and for the well-being of Mary Magdalene Welsh  
Mark & Amy Armanious ..... In memory of Adel Armanious  
Joyce & Harry Athanasiou ..... In memory of Stella Athanasiou  
Joyce & Harry Athanasiou ..... In memory of George Athanasiou  
Joyce & Harry Athanasiou ..... In memory of George Bertos  
Joyce & Harry Athanasiou ..... For the health of our family  
Art & Christina Avlon ..... In memory of Stella Kalaris  
Chris & Kathy Balouris ..... In memory of Rev. Fr. John Androutsopoulos  
Chris & Kathy Balouris ..... In memory of Anthony and Helen Balouris  
Chris & Kathy Balouris ..... For the health of Presvytera Ethel Androutsopoulos  
Pamela Bolkovac ..... In memory of her parents Nick & Mary Bolkovac (3 plants)  
Reggie & Marianne Bonfield ..... In memory of John & Helen Chapas  
Reggie & Marianne Bonfield ..... In memory of John & Mary Bonfield  
Reggie & Marianne Bonfield ..... For the health of family & friends  
The Bonfield and Chapas Families ..... In memory of Frank & Anne Chapas (2 plants)  
The Caromano Family ..... In memory of Athena and Pete Mamakos  
Bill & Sophea Chapas ..... In memory of John & Helen Chapas  
John R. Clayton ..... In memory of his wife Michele A. Clayton  
John R. Clayton ..... In memory of E. Betty and John R. Clayton, Sr.  
Sherry Clayton ..... For the health and happiness of her Holy Trinity Family  
Cynthia Morris Criss ..... For the health of the Morris Family (5 plants)  
George & Sophia Danis ..... In memory of Demetrios & Evdoxia Danis  
George & Sophia Danis ..... In memory of George V. Gatsiopoulos & Vasiliki Gatsiopoulos  
George & Sophia Danis ..... In memory of John & Sophia Regas  
Helen DeMoss ..... In memory of John DeMoss & family  
Helen DeMoss ..... In memory of Steve & Anthoula Pefanis



Christine Dickos ..... In memory of her husband Dinos Dickos

Frank & Katina Erdeljac ..... In memory of Mike Alexiades

Frank & Katina Erdeljac ..... In memory of Theologia Alexiades

Frank & Katina Erdeljac ..... In memory of Mary Alexiades

Bill & Tina Fiedler ..... In memory of Sophie, William, Josephine and all our deceased family & friends

Bill & Tina Fiedler ..... For the health of Eleftherios, Bill, Reese and all our family & friends

Andreas & Valori Fournaridis ..... In memory of Elenie & Steve Cocheres and Kosta Fournaridis

John & Georgia Franciscus and Family ..... In memory of George & Betty Beckas

John & Georgia Franciscus and Family ..... In memory of John Beckas and Vasiliki Petropoulos

John & Georgia Franciscus and Family ..... In memory of Demetra Kastanis and Peter Katsafanas

Connie Fries ..... For the health of family & friends

Connie Fries ..... In memory of George Lemberopoulos

Connie Fries ..... In memory of John & Toulia Giannoutsos

Connie Fries ..... In memory of Spiros & Catherine Giannoutsos

Connie Fries ..... In memory of Mary & Peter Panos

Diana Fries ..... In memory of Olga Regakis (5 plants)

Diana Fries ..... In memory of Marian Pantelas (5 plants)

Diana Fries ..... In memory of Mary Panos (5 plants)

Diana Fries ..... In memory of Peter Panos (5 plants)

George & Phyllis Geanopulos ..... In memory of Harry & Helen Geanopulos (2 plants)

George & Phyllis Geanopulos ..... In memory of John & Erma Haas (2 plants)

Gus & Penny Georgiadis ..... In memory of George and Mary Kalodikis

Gus & Penny Georgiadis ..... In memory of Peter and Mary Georgiadis

Eugenia Graser ..... In memory of her husband Robert Graser and parents Michael & Maria Patsalos

Brian & Debbie Jewell ..... In memory of Samuel G. Booras

Brian & Debbie Jewell ..... In memory of Georgia K. Booras

Brian & Debbie Jewell ..... In memory of Marsha L. Booras

Brian & Debbie Jewell ..... For the health of Jan Lewis

Brian & Debbie Jewell ..... For the health of John Fulton

Kristina Johnson and James S. Johnson ..... In memory of their parents Homer J. & Stella Johnson

Kristina Johnson and James S. Johnson ..... In memory of their grandparents George & Augustina Makris

Gus G. Kalaris ..... In memory of Stella Kalaris

Gus G. Kalaris ..... In memory of George & Pauline Kalaris

Gus G. Kalaris ..... In memory of Gus & Panagiota Bistolas

George & Scarlet Karpakis ..... In memory of John Karpakis

George & Scarlet Karpakis ..... For the health of Pat Karpakis

George & Scarlet Karpakis ..... For the health of Chris Karpakis

Dr. & Mrs. James Kermes ..... For the health of family & friends

Vasiliki Kourouklis ..... In memory of Lucky Kourouklis

Vasiliki Kourouklis ..... In memory of Stavroula Repana

## NAVITY FLOWER DONATIONS

Vasiliki Kourouklis ..... In memory of Dimitris Repana  
Vasiliki Kourouklis ..... In memory of Georgios Kourouklis  
Christina Mackrell ..... For the health of Alyssa and Connor Mackrell (2 plants)  
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# FAITH AND HOPE

## IN GOD (continued)

Every problem can be solved with trust in God and humility. Hope in God is accentuated faith; it is the greatest safeguard for a person.

**Gheronda, I believe, but sometimes I have a fear within.**

The fear you have is a blessing from God; it is the economy of God causing you to take refuge in Him through prayer. It will help you to take hold of God. Take a small child for example: if his parents do not instill the fear of harm in him, then they will not be able to restrain him. Struggle with both love and hope in God and then you will not fear anything. Keep in mind what we chant in the Great Apodeipno: "For we fear not your terror, neither are we troubled: For God is with us!"

**Geronda, what is the correlation between a peaceful conscience and the fear of God?**

Why, if one does not have fear of God, what conscience can he possibly have? Without the fear of God, one can easily trample his conscience, and then he ceases to be human.

**Geronda, when I feel gratitude for a person, I can do whatever he asks. But I am troubled because the same does not also happen with God. Am I not thankful enough to Him?**

You may have gratitude for God within you, but there is no excitement, no spiritual flight. You feel more gratitude towards a person because you are more aware of his presence, You

need to do spiritual work, so that you can feel the presence of God more intensely. If you increase Your awareness of the presence of God, then you will also increase your gratitude toward God. Now you say "Our Father..." and you do not feel anything. But if you felt that God is indeed your Father, you wouldn't be able to bear saying those words!

One must be constantly aware of the presence of God. When one is aware of the presence of God, of the Angels and of the saints, it acts as a strong brake that keeps him from going astray. David says, "I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." If we conduct ourselves with the thought that God sees us, that He watches over us, whatever we do will be assured.

**Geronda, I still confront everything in a human manner and not spiritually, and I am in agitation.**

You place your programs ahead of the programs of God, and this is why you are tormented. Every problem can be solved with trust in God and humility. Do as much as you can do and then leave yourself to divine Providence, to the divine will. Hope in God



Saint Paisios of Athos

is accentuated faith; it is the greatest safeguard for a person.

Is it a small thing to have God as an ally? I remember, before joining the army, I had prayed to Saint Barbara to help me — I was devoted to her because as a boy, I would go to her country chapel and pray. Therefore, I prayed, "Let me endure dangers during the war, but do not let me kill anyone." And how the Good Lord arranged things! When the results of the assignments came out, other men who were educated were sent to the front line bearing arms, while I, with a grade-school education, was assigned to be a wireless operator!

The others teased me, "You must have some really good connections!" "What connections could I possibly have? I don't know anybody." "Come on, don't try to fool us. You must know someone in the General Headquarters," they insisted. As they kept insisting, I relented and said, "Well, I do have Christ at the General Headquarters." And that is how it happened that I never had to use a rifle. ❖

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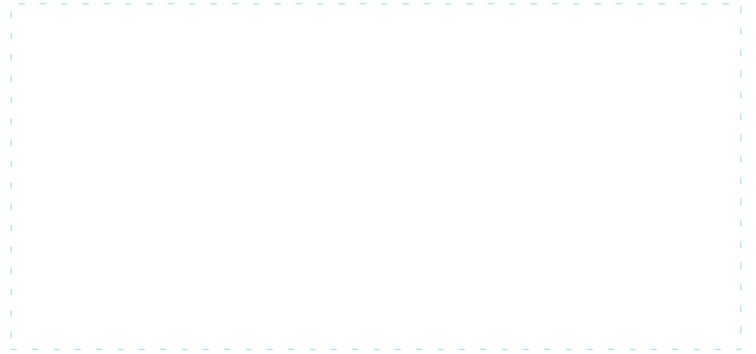
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Augustine the Blessed, *Sermons*