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OUR MISSION: *Our parish is a living witness of Jesus Christ, serving the spiritual and physical needs of all people, through worship, outreach, and education.*

OUR VISION: *Fostering an Orthodox Christian environment that encourages parishioner engagement, increasing public awareness of our faith and of our parish as a spiritual home, and nurturing and growing our stewardship commitments.*

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Date	Event
6/1/2024	Alpha Omega Miracle Home May - Special diaper driver ends
6/2/2024	Sunday Services Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10am
6/8/2024 Saturday	Greek Summer Night (6 - 11pm)
6/9/2024	Sunday Services Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10am Philoptochos meeting following Liturgy (12:30pm)
6/10/2024 Monday	Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
6/16/2024	Sunday Services Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10am Mortgage Reduction Campaign Father's Day
6/20/2024 Thursday	Family Reunion Event (private party)
6/21/2024 Friday	Family Reunion Event (private party)
6/22/2024 Saturday	Family Reunion Event (private party)
6/22/2024	Saturday of Souls (3pm Orthros, 4pm Divine Liturgy)
6/23/2024	Pentecost - Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy 10am
6/24/2024 Monday	Day of the Holy Spirit (Name's Day of our Parish)
6/26/2024 Wednesday	Greek Landing Day (St. Photios Shrine) - hosting every 3 years
6/30/2024	Sunday Services Orthros 9am - Divine Liturgy 10am

If you have any updates to the calendar, please contact the church Office or Kaliroi Parris (roi.parris@gmail.com).

PHILOTOCHOS

Paula Marchman Lekas – Philoptochos Chapter President paulamarchman@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

1. On Sunday, June 2nd, Angela Lekos is hosting coffee hour. Our parish will celebrate our high school graduates, Michael Lekos and Zimryn Roberts, that day as well as all the children in our community. Our Philoptochos has set aside funds to honor our children with a meaningful gift, so please let's celebrate them all together!

2. Also, let's celebrate the beginning of summer by dancing and dining together at our Greek Summer Night event on Saturday, June 8th! This is a beautiful way to honor the legacy of the Hellenic society, the group that began this tradition almost 40 years ago! The proceeds benefit our Parish!

3. Our members will also provide support to the St Photios National Shrine for Greek Landing Day, Wednesday, June 26, at 3:00 p.m





COFFEE HOUR HOSTING

You can do it solo or share the responsibility with someone else.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BA9AB29ABF58-47162771-holy>

Email Gigi Ray at <gigiray703@gmail.com> or call her at 404-375-5859; or email Toula Zotos at zotost@gmail.com. You can speak to them after church, and they can sign you up also.

Thank you in advance for considering offering this hospitality to our parish family and guests.

Using the SignUpGenius link: click the blue box that says **SIGN UP**; then the brown box at the bottom of the page that says **SUBMIT AND SIGN UP** - this will take you to the next screen; and click on **SIGN-UP**

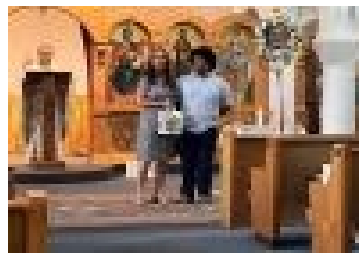


GOYA YOUTH MINISTRY:

The Holy Trinity Church GOYA is for youth in sixth through twelfth grades. It integrates worship (liturgia), fellowship (koinonia), service (diakonia), and witness (martyria).

Contact Connie (connie.l.espinosa@gmail.com) or Andy (ajlekos@att.net) for additional information.

Graduation celebration for two of our High School Graduates Michael Lekos and Zymryn Roberts:



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school Director and teachers are getting ready to welcome our children back in August.

Stay tuned for details to come soon.

For details call/text Kaliroi 312-952-0400 or email her roi.parris@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP



2024 Stewardship - Together, we are the Caretakers of our Church.

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"

Our Stewardship theme for 2024 is *"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant,"* from the Parable of the Talents. We are all blessed with certain gifts. This parable stresses the importance of developing our gifts, multiplying them, and offering them back in service to God.

Effective Stewardship Begins with a plan. Each year, we have an opportunity to consciously plan our contributions and our involvement in the life of our parish. Please consider God's blessings in your life and make a conscious decision to actively and generously support the operating needs of our parish by planning your 2024 stewardship contributions.

The Stewardship form is available at the church and on-line at www.holytrinitystaugustine.org. You can also set up regular monthly payments through the church website or your bank.

Stewardship Report (as of May 31st, 2024):

Stewards-63

Commitments-72,997.00

Collected-43,811.00

Outstanding-38,803.00



AGORA (Greek Market)

Featuring **delicious imported Greek food items** like cheeses, olives, olive oil, oregano, frozen tiropites and spanakopites, phyllo, chocolates, lentils, orzo and pistachio noodles, halvah, spoon sweet preserves, coffee, tea, honey and many more tasty items!

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of St Augustine.

Please contact holytrinityagora@gmail.com to place an order or see us after church at the Agora in the church hall.

Stacy Symeonides, Stephanie Danikas & The Agora Team



BOOK STORE

ST. THEODORA BOOK STORE AND GIFT SHOP: Give that special someone a gift or even give your home a lift with **beautiful items from Greece.**

For info, contact Paula Marchman - paulamarchman@yahoo.com.

St Theodora bookstore is ready with **prayer ropes, orthodox bibles, and inspirational books** for your family. Do your shopping now and support our church.

We are open on Sundays and by appointments during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION - Holy Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are in good canonical standing with the church and who have prepared through prayer and fasting.

Order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

1. Newly illumined – recently baptized and babies.
2. Sunday school teachers and students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion) – all visiting children are invited to join us!
3. The remaining congregation as directed by the usher.

Everyone is invited to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

WEBSITE UPDATES - HolyTrinityStAugustine.org

Check out our new website! It's easy to navigate and we'll keep adding more ways to make it your "go-to" destination for all things Holy Trinity of St Augustine!

- ✓ Looking for the weekly bulletin? Or the Parish calendar? Or the Sunday Coffee Hour signup? They're all under "**Calendar**".
- ✓ Check out the **Photos** of our events! Also, information about our *Faith and Worship* can be found in the **Our Parish** tab.

We look forward to keeping you well informed!

NEW DONATION ENVELOPES

Notice the new envelopes in our pews? Did you notice the QR (Quick Response) code that's printed on them? This is an easy way to buy candles or donate using your phone or tablet.

WAYS OF GIVING:

- ✓ **On-Line:** Click "**Donate Now**" on our Church's webpage: www.HolyTrinityStAugustine.org to make a gift. Give via credit card, PayPal, or set up recurrent giving through your bank. Please be sure a specific notation (ex: stewardship) is included for each transaction.
- ✓ Our "**Light a Candle & Say a Prayer**" ministry lets you light a candle during divine services. Your request will be forwarded to a Council member in the Narthex to light your candle. If you wish to provide names of loved ones to be prayed for, those will be provided to Fr. Maximos.
- ✓ **Giving by Check or Cash:** **Please be sure to include a notation on the memo line on checks to allow us to identify your intentions** (i.e. stewardship, candles, trays,

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memorials, etc.). Please use a donation envelope available at the welcome desk and the Narthex and fill out the information requested.

- ✓ **Weekly Offering:** The Lord's Day is to be the time for a weekly offering for the support of His cause. Make your offering today...check or cash and enable our Church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of the Orthodox Christians entrusted to our care. Your offering can be made at the collection basket as you exit the service or mailed to HTGOC using the **donation envelopes are available at the welcome desk and in the Narthex.**
- ✓ **Celebrations:** Are you celebrating a special day? Birthday, Anniversary, Seasonal House Cleaning? Whatever the event, please consider celebrating it with others and making it a fundraiser for our church. People have raised \$6 billion USD on Facebook and Instagram for causes they care about. Create a fundraiser and Facebook will take care of the donation processing with no fees. You can also place the PayPal giving link for the church in your on-line message for donations to be made directly to our account. This can be a fun way to share your happy day with your friends and community and an effective fundraiser for our church. Please reach out to Fr. Maximos or Nick Lekas for details.'

THE COMMEMORATIVE WALKWAY - The commemorative walkway (aka Brick Campaign) began as a parish fundraising program for Holy Trinity at the time of the Opening of the Doors in 2008.

It has become a vehicle to honor individuals who have impacted our parish, while it continues to provide a wonderful opportunity for people to create a lasting memory for a myriad of reasons.

Show your support to Holy Trinity by purchasing a 4" x 8" paver with 3 lines for \$100, or an 8" x 8" paver with 6 lines for \$250.00. The net profit supports the parish operations.

Brochures are available on the card rack in the Church Hall or alternately, please contact Connie Espinosa connie.l.espinosa@gmail.com to assist in this parish ministry.

Your support is a lasting tribute that will honor a veteran, a family member, loved one, business or organization. Thank you, Connie Espinosa,

CHURCH FINANCIALS -

	May 31st, 2024
Income	\$16,1258
Stewardship	\$10,467
Expense	\$27,103
Bank Balance	\$7,991
Reserves	\$92,636

Note: Bank Balance includes Stewardship and Reserves

FAQS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

KOLIVA FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES: is used for commemorations of the departed (40th day after death; 3rd, 6th, 9th month, annually) and Saturdays of the Souls. Contact Faye Peterson, pete9839@comcast.net or Angela Lekos, angelmou1@att.net if you need Koliva prepared. There is a fee of \$100 for materials, supplies and labor.

ARTOKLASIA: Blessing of the Five Loaves is a service of thanksgiving through which we express our gratitude for all the blessings of life. The Blessing is offered on a feast day or special occasion. If you need Artoklasia prepared, contact Angel Lekos, angelmou1@att.net.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: To arrange for a “house blessing” please contact the priest to make an appointment.

MEMORIAL : To request a gravesite memorial, please contact the priest.

SPECIAL SERVICE:

- If you have a request for a special memorial service (*traditionally a volunteered donation is given to the priest*), please contact the church office in advance of the requested date with details
- To offer Holy Communion to someone in need at a hospital, nursing home, in hospice care or at home, please contact the priest.

The deadline for the weekly Church bulletin e-mail articles is before noon on Wednesday.

The deadline for the monthly Newsletter articles is the 25th of the month.