



December To Do List

As we approach the Feast of the Nativity and the New Year, there is a lot going on at Holy Trinity. To help in our holiday planning, let's remember the following To Do List. Merry Christmas!

- Please participate in an evening of fun and fellowship, Friday, December 8, 7:00 pm, at the Family Bingo Night (Christmas Caroling, too!).
- Please bring pre-school and grade school age youth to the church for a retreat Saturday, December 9, 12-3 pm. That same day, there will be an acolyte retreat at 3:00 pm.
- Please support the Philoptochos Bake Sale, December 17 after Liturgy.
- Please sign up for the Community Christmas Card using the enclosed form
- Please fulfill 2017 pledges.
- Please submit a 2018 pledge.
- Please review the liturgical schedule on the enclosed monthly calendar. The Christmas Liturgy will begin at 11:00 pm December 24.
- Please plan to attend the January 7 Vasilopita Brunch.

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Special points of interest:

- *Bingo & Caroling Fun Night, Friday, December 8*
- *JOY, HOPE & Acolytes, December 9*
- *Parish Council Elections December 10*
- *Philoptochos Bake Sale, December 17.*
- *Agape Stitchers' Distribution*
- *Christmas Card Sign-up*
- *Christmas Offering Envelope*

Christmas Family Bingo Night Friday December 8

All parishioners and their families and friends are invited to play bingo and sing carols, Friday, December 8, 7:00 pm, in the lower level of the church. This evening of food, fellowship, and fun will benefit Holy Trinity's award winning Greek Dance Program.

HOPE & JOY Christmas Retreat December 9

Holy Trinity will offer a Christmas retreat to pre-school grade school-age youth, Saturday, December 9, 12-3:00 pm. Friends are invited too, as we celebrate the Birth of our Lord.

Acolyte Retreat December 9

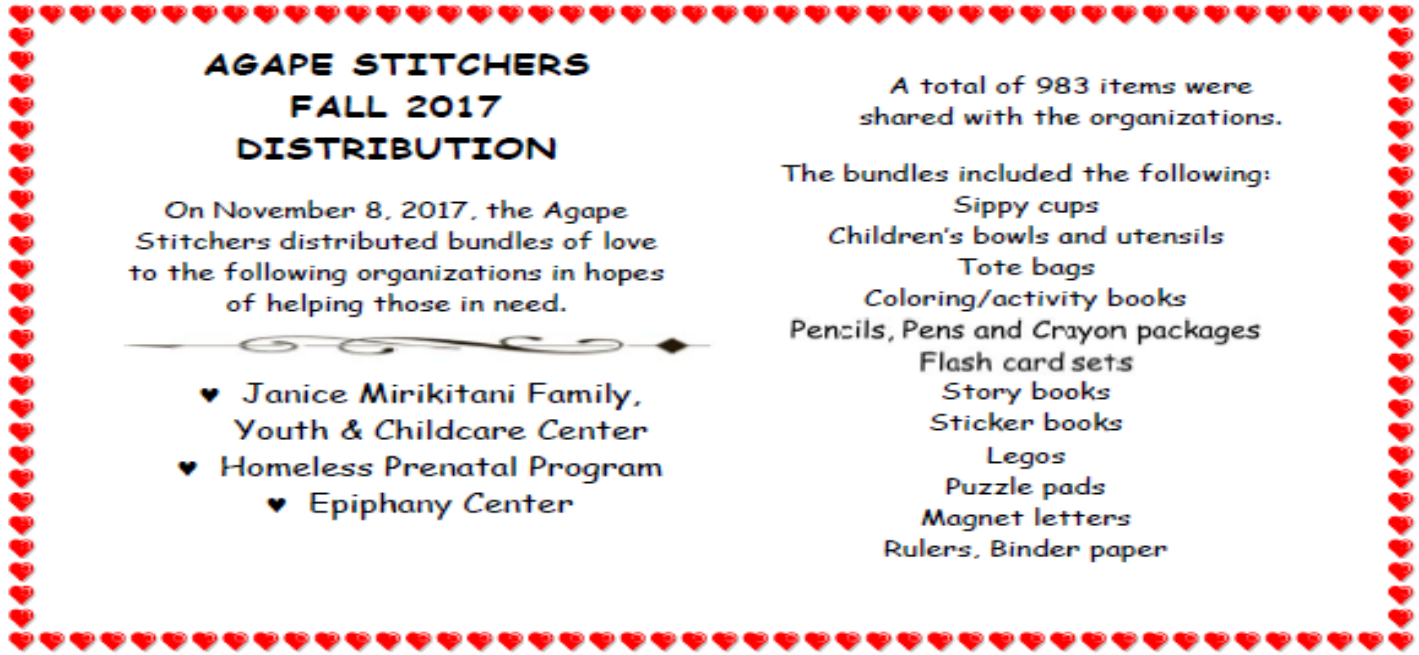
There will be a retreat for all acolytes, Saturday, December 9, 3:00 pm at the church. This day of instruction and renewal will conclude with Great Vespers at 6:00 pm.

Parish Council Elections, December 10

Voting is open to all parishioners in good standing. Please contact the church office to verify eligibility to vote or request an absentee ballot. Nick Metrakos, Soula Misthos, Megan Pearse, Peter Vlahakos, and Rachel Wales have been nominated to fill four vacancies. Voting will begin after the Divine Liturgy and conclude at 2:00 pm.


Philoptochos Bake Sale December 17

Please plan to support our Philoptochos by purchasing traditional pastries after the Divine Liturgy, Sunday, December 17. Proceeds from this bake sale will help our Friends of the Poor continue to provide for persons in need.



AGAPE STITCHERS FALL 2017 DISTRIBUTION

On November 8, 2017, the Agape Stitches distributed bundles of love to the following organizations in hopes of helping those in need.

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- ♥ Janice Mirikitani Family, Youth & Childcare Center
 - ♥ Homeless Prenatal Program
 - ♥ Epiphany Center

A total of 983 items were shared with the organizations.

The bundles included the following:

- Sippy cups
- Children's bowls and utensils
- Tote bags
- Coloring/activity books
- Pencils, Pens and Crayon packages
- Flash card sets
- Story books
- Sticker books
- Legos
- Puzzle pads
- Magnet letters
- Rulers, Binder paper

Baptism

Christopher James Mobley, November 11. Sponsors: Peter & May Kireopoulos.

Weddings

George Haris & Georgia Wasley, November 11. Sponsor: Stelios Diamantopoulos. Celebrant: Metropolitan Gerasimos.

Vasilios Bostanzoglou & Lindsay Coombe, November 25. Sponsors: John Perkins & Katherine Jacobson.

Save the Dates

December 8: Family Bingo Night, 7:00 pm.

December 10: Parish Council Elections.

December 17: Philoptochos Bake Sale.

January 7: Vasilopita Brunch.

January 20: Crab Feed.

February 3: Women's Retreat with Presvytera Kerry Pappas.

February 25: Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers.

Chrismation

Michele French, November 5. Sponsor Voula Brown.

Funeral

Konstantina Karanasos, November 8.

Parish Financial Summary as of October 31, 2017

Balance Sheet Comparison

	<u>October 31, 2017</u>	<u>October 31, 2016</u>
General Checking	\$66,365	\$87,514
Schwab	\$67,681	\$36,832
Combined Liquid Assets	\$134,046	\$124,346
ADA	\$432,823	\$260,532
Capital Improvements	\$58,778	\$53,828

Parish Financials:

	<u>October 31, 2017</u>	<u>October 31, 2016</u>	<u>\$Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
Parish Gross Income	\$552,920	\$572,550	-\$19,630	-4%
<i>Contributing Factors: Non Member Donations (-\$17,794); Missions (-4,629) Wish List (-\$2,287), Other Donations (-5,576), Reimbursed Expenses (-14,812).</i>				
Parish Expenses	\$588,176	\$616,514	-\$28,338	-7%
Parish Net Income	-\$35,257	-\$43,964	\$8,707	20%

Center Financials

	<u>October 31, 2017</u>	<u>October 31, 2016</u>	<u>\$Change</u>	<u>%Change</u>
Center Net Income	\$56,252	\$80,653	-\$24,400	-30%

Center reduced income is a function of the Center's billing cycle.

Overall Net Income

<u>Parish + Center</u>	\$20,995	\$36,689	-\$16,284	-43%
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Pledged Amount 2017: \$376,750

Stewardship Receipts 2017: \$324,681

Sunday Services Times:
 Matins 9:15 am
 Liturgy 10:30 am

DECEMBER 2017

Food Bank Distribution
 Saturdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
 Volunteer at
tinyurl.com/foodbankHTSF

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 3 Diaper Sunday Narthex Group 3	4	5 Paradosi 5:30-8:30 pm	6 St. Nicholas Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am Seniors' Fellowship 11 am Parish Council 6:30 pm.	7 Orthodox Forum 7:30 pm	8 Bingo Night 7 pm	9 HOPE & JOY 12 pm. Acolytes 3 pm Vespers 6 pm
10 Parish Council Elections Narthex Group 4	11	12 St. Spyridon Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am Paradosi 5:30-9:00 pm	13 Seniors' Fellowship 10:00 am	14	15	16 Shut-in Christmas Caroling Vespers 6 pm
17 Philoptochos Bake Sale Narthex Group 1	18	19	20	21 Orthodox Forum 7:30 pm	22 Great Hours 11 am Vesper 6 pm	23 Matins 9am Liturgy 10am Vespers 6 pm
24 Matins 9:15 am Liturgy 10:30 am Vigil 9 pm Liturgy 11 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Narthex Group 3	January 1 Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am	2	3 Seniors' Fellowship 10:00 am	4 Orthodox Forum 7:30 pm	5 Great Hours 4:30 pm Liturgy & Blessing of Water 6pm	6 Theophany Liturgy & Blessing of Water 10 am

Christmas Liturgical Schedule

Friday, December 22: Great Hours 11:00 am, Vespers 6:00 pm.

Saturday, December 23: Matins 9:00 am, Liturgy 10:00 am, Vespers 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 24: Matins 9:15 am, Liturgy 10:30 am, Vigil 9:00 pm, **Christmas Liturgy 11:00 pm.**



Share Your Extra Outer Garments

Please help our Philoptochos support the One Warm Coat project by dropping extra coats and jackets in the bin near the front interior stairwell of the church.

Parish Dinner Dance Converts UICC to Rick's Cafe

On November 4 the members and friends of the Parish gathered at the United Irish Cultural Center to "Relive the Magic of Casablanca." Thanks to our Dinner Dance Committee, sponsors, and attendees who made this annual event another huge success!



L to R: George Christ, Eleni St. John, Eleni Stamatis, Byron Yoanidis, Fareeda Christ, Rick Blaine, Megan Pearse, and Steve Vawter (photo by Natalie Schrik, natalieschrik.photoshelter.com)

Holy Trinity 2017 Parish Christmas Card

Share your Christmas and New Year greetings with fellow parishioners through the Parish Christmas Card. Please return your response to the church office by December 13. The suggested minimum donation is \$20.

Name: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Phone: _____

Name as you would like it to appear on the Christmas Card:

Sponsor a Poinsettia

Please call the church office to underwrite the cost of these traditional holiday decorations for the sanctuary



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Christmas Offering

Christmas Offerings are always greatly appreciated and can be made by contacting the church office.

*To live our faith, grow our church, and serve the
world as Orthodox Christians*