

HOLY TRINITY

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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MISSION

Our mission is to become faithful followers of Christ and thus active Greek Orthodox Christians by accepting and submitting to the Will of our Lord so that we may realize salvation and enter into the Kingdom of God.

VISION

With the Grace of God, to provide a loving and caring Community where all belong to Christ through worship, sacramental life, everyday spiritual discipline, sanctification, education, witness, and fellowship.

WHERE WE NEED YOU

Get involved!

In this guide, you will find descriptions and contact information for all of our ministries, for all different ages, talents, and time commitments. Please contact ANY ministry that speaks to you to get involved.

If a ministry contact is not listed, please call the Church office.

Complete an annual Commitment Card that can be found in the Church narthex, office, or on our website.

Is there another ministry not found in this guide that you would like to sponsor? We want to hear from you. Contact our Church office at any time.

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Office Staff

office@htgo.org | (704) 334-4771

The administrative positions assist in the daily operations and functions of our Cathedral. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

CURRENT STAFF

- Steffie Rizos, Office Manager
- Kathy Xyrafaxis, Office Secretary
- Frances Zogzas, Finance Secretary
- Angelo Tatsis, Sexton

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR:

- Bulletin/Voice Submissions
 - Visitation Needs
 - Hall Rentals and Cathedral Events
 - Calendar Questions and Additions
 - Coffee Hour Sponsorship
 - Youth Program Questions
 - Stewardship
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - General Questions and Concerns
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Technology Committee

John Karagiannis | epos73@gmail.com

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

The goal of the Technology Committee is to help Holy Trinity administer and maintain various equipment (network, servers, personal computers, printers, etc) throughout the organization. For those of you with IT expertise interested in volunteering, please contact John Karagiannis.

Election Committee

Leo Kyriazis | leokir@hotmail.com

The mission of the HTGOC Election Committee is to conduct elections for the Parish Council and Cathedral Foundation members in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures established by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America by-laws.

The election committee is appointed annually at the Parish General Assembly.

Parish Council

Dino Pappas | president@htgo.org

The Parish Council is elected by the community and oversee all administrative and financial ministries of the Parish.

CURRENT OFFICERS

Dino Pappas, President
John Mahairas, Vice President
George Karres, Treasurer
Peter Thomopoulos, Assistant Treasurer
Mitch Christenbury, Secretary
Gus Pappas, Assistant Secretary



2019-2020 Parish Council

Monthly Bulletin

Kathy Xyrafakis | kathy@htgo.org

This vital communication for our Cathedral includes:

- ☐ Worship Schedule
- ☐ Gospel & Epistle Readings
- ☐ Volunteer Schedule for Narthex, Altar Boys, Welcoming Committee, etc.
- ☐ Special events

Volunteers are needed to help with monthly mailings. Contact Kathy to be added to the volunteer schedule or the monthly bulletin distribution list.

Voice Publication

George Zogzas | g.zogzas@gmail.com

The Voice is the bi-monthly newspaper of our Parish that has a wide variety of uplifting spiritual topics, news and information concerning our community and other articles of great interest. It also serves as the vehicle to write, describe and archive the happenings and the history of our Community for future generations.

Please email us at voice@htgo.org if you wish to:

- ☐ Advertise your business or event.
- ☐ Make Announcements (Births, Weddings, Baptisms, Deaths, Memorials etc.).
- ☐ Submit articles and pictures for publication, use ARTICLE in the subject line.
- ☐ Receive information on advertising or to submit an ad, use ADS in the subject line.
- ☐ Ask questions about articles, or to submit a letter to the editor, use EDITOR in the subject line.

Social Media

John Shelton | john.shelton0@gmail.com

The goal of this ministry is to manage our parish social media platforms, to create consistent content that is both inspirational and informational, and to communicate news digitally from the parish and beyond (Metropolis, Archdiocese, etc).

If you are willing to donate your time, please contact John.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, AND YOUTUBE



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Charlotte
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Youth Programs
Young Adult Ministry (YAM) - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Charlotte
AGAPE/LOVE HTGO TODDLER GROUP
Yiasou Greek Festival Charlotte



@holytrinitycharlotte
@yiasougreekfest_charlotte



Holy Trinity Cathedral Charlotte

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PICTURES TO FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM

Blood Drives

Presvytera Maria Tsourlis
mariatsourlis@gmail.com

At different times throughout the year, Holy Trinity will host blood drives. Times will be posted in the Monthly Bulletin and on www.htgo.org.

Church Transportation

Mitch Christenbury
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This ministry provides transportation to those who cannot drive themselves to Divine Liturgy. **We need volunteers** to drive their own vehicles from local nursing homes to church. If you would like to be added to volunteer to drive, please contact Mitch.

HTGOC Holy Unmercenaries Medical Society

George Andrinopoulos
gandrinopoulos@carolina.rr.com

The Holy Unmercenaries Medical Society is a fellowship of healthcare professionals within the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta. Through the development of its members' spiritual well being, the organization strives to give freely unto others the love, mercy and healing ministry of Jesus Christ through worship, education, service and philanthropy.

Feed the Hungry

Aaron Moffat
agmoffat@hotmail.com

This group feeds the homeless at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen on the second Monday of each month. Food is prepared the Sunday prior at Holy Trinity. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and donate. Please contact Aaron if interested in helping.

Prison Ministry

An agency of the Assembly of Bishops, this group ministers to prisoners and their families by:

- Providing Orthodox publications, Study Bibles, prayer books, icon prayer cards, and catechism courses to those in prison and to prison chapel libraries.
- Linking prisoners to Orthodox priests to provide them with a sacramental life.
- Providing spiritual guidance and publications to families of people in prison.
- Educating clergy and future clergy at our seminaries.
- Training clergy and laity for prison ministry and correspondence ministry.
- Linking people coming out of prison with Orthodox churches.
- Providing guidance to clergy and laity for churches receiving people from prison.

We currently need a volunteer to organize the Prison Ministry. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Rev. Deacon George Politis at gpoli@bellsouth.net.

Missions

Zoe Cavalaris | zoe.cavalaris@gmail.com

MISSION

To witness our Christian faith through coordinating people and resources in support of local clergy and institutions; and by seeking to sustain and safeguard Orthodox Christian communities domestically and abroad through prayer, education, and material sustenance.

The Youth Ghana Team

The Youth Ghana Ministry members work with the Ghanaian Orthodox community partners to encourage the growth and sustainability of the Ghanaian Orthodox community across all of Ghana. The team first established a youth camp in August of 2017, and successfully brought together almost 200 Ghanaian children from twenty-two different parishes across the country to facilitate education, youth connection, and Orthodox teachings. In addition to the camp, the team has re-opened St. Peter's College, a vocational high school for the Ghanaian youth. The ultimate goal is to help provide the school with all the resources needed to facilitate the highest education for the Ghanaian youth. Orthodox Ghanaians have a strong sense of faith. Their material possessions are minimal but their sense of family and faith is an inspiration and a reminder of things most important in life.

WHERE WE NEED YOU

While the primary focus is on the Youth Ghana Team, the missions committee works closely with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), through which there are many opportunities to sponsor or attend a mission,

either in Ghana or elsewhere. Please contact Zoe for more information.



Ghanaian youth at the 2017 camp



Zoe Cavalaris, Father Kwame Labi, and a fellow volunteer in Ghana

Philoptochos Society

CURRENT PRESIDENT

Diane Ramsay | dramsay48@gmail.com

MISSION

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Our mission is to promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.



Members of the Philoptochos Society selling pastries at the Yiasou Greek Festival



2019 Philoptochos President Lucy Pappadakes (L) and Irene Politis present the Presbytera Kathryn Constantinides award to Liana Kendrick (R)

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❑ Financially assisting local civic charities
- ❑ Festival pastries
- ❑ Parish hospitality
- ❑ Helping families & individuals in financial need
- ❑ Fulfilling National & Metropolis obligations

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- ❑ Name Day celebration in September
- ❑ Monthly meetings October through May
- ❑ Christmas bake sale
- ❑ Visiting the homebound for Christmas & Pascha
- ❑ Christmas celebration in December
- ❑ Valentine bake sale
- ❑ Dyeing eggs for Pascha
- ❑ Preparing Festival dolmades in May
- ❑ Preparing Festival pastries in May & August
- ❑ End-of-year picnic in June

MEETING TIMES

The second Tuesday of each month, October to May in the Social Room.

WHERE WE NEED YOU

All Orthodox Christian women over the age of 18 who are members of the parish are strongly encouraged to become Philoptochos members. Please join us for fellowship, friendship, and filoxenia toward our fellow man. We need your Time, Talents and (a little bit of) Treasure to accomplish our worthwhile goals.

Welcoming Committee

CO-CHAIRS

- Elaine Fagan (704) 936-6566
ezaharakis@hotmail.com
- Georgia Andrews (704) 617-4302
gandrews2021@gmail.com

MISSION

To ensure that all who come to Holy Trinity are greeted with a warm welcome and feeling of acceptance.

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❑ Create a welcoming community atmosphere for all who enter Holy Trinity Cathedral.
- ❑ Host events to provide an opportunity for new members to engage with ministry chairs and other parish members.
- ❑ Identify methods to recognize and engage visitors and potential new members on Sundays.
- ❑ Develop new member materials.

WHERE WE NEED YOU

You tell us! What would you like to see from the welcoming committee? How would you like to connect to current members? We are always in need of volunteers to help identify and engage new members and to help develop new member materials and communication.

Visitations

Whether it be for a new baby, surgery, illness, or blessing of any kind, our clergy will gladly visit you while homebound, in rehab, or in a nursing home. Please contact the church office if you or

an immediate family member are in need of any of the following:

- Hospital Visit
 - Holy Communion, Holy Unction, Confession
 - Bereavements
 - Gravesite Trisagion
 - Ongoing Visits
 - New Baby Blessing (1, 8, or 40 day)
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Heritage Preservation Society

ARCHIVISTS

- Gloria Kontoulas
gkontoulas1986@gmail.com
- Angelo Politis
olympus10@yahoo.com

MISSION

Our Mission is to preserve the history of the Greek Community in Charlotte, NC and to maintain the collection of Archives provided by the late Xenophon Nixon for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

The Archives of Holy Trinity Cathedral are located in the Xenophon Nixon Archival Library of our Hellenic Center. The collection consists of photographs, newspaper articles, Voice Articles, parish directories, bulletins and much more. The late Mr. Xenophon Nixon understood the importance of preserving our community's history and therefore he served as the first historian when he began the process of archiving. Mr. Nixon's vision and dedication have given our parish one of the richest and most comprehensive archival collections in our diocese. If you would like to participate in the Holy Trinity Archives Ministry, please contact Gloria Kontoulas.

HT Greek Folk Dance Program

holytrinitydanceclt@gmail.com

MISSION

To perpetuate our Greek culture through the traditions of dance, music, song, and folklore. We strive to promote and preserve those living links to our roots through education, performance and fellowship for Holy Trinity and the community at large.

- ❑ We offer dance for all levels, from our youngest kindergartners through our adult program.
- ❑ We have established a grade-level curriculum that aims to expose our students to a wide variety of regional styles over the course of their K-12 years.

PROGRAMS

- ❑ Exhibition (Yiasou Festival and Community Events – Rising grades K-12)
 - ➔ Practices are on Sundays /Mondays in June and August.
- ❑ Competitive (Hellenic Dance Festival and Yiasou Festival – Grades 4-12)
 - ➔ Practices begin after the festival and are on Sundays 12:00 – 1:30. A second practice day begins in November.

WHERE WE NEED YOU

With over 400 dancers enrolled, we are always in need of volunteers to help with costumes, special events, and fundraising.

2019-2020 BOARD MEMBERS

- ➔ Stacie Peroulas, Chair
staciezambas@gmail.com
- ➔ Renee Fragakis, Vice Chair
- ➔ Spiro Galanis, Treasurer
- ➔ Sarantos Kaperonis, Adult Program Liaison
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- ➔ Elaine Mahairas, Costume Coordinator
elaine.mahairas@gmail.com
- ➔ Denice Polemides, Parent Liaison
denicekp@windstream.net

Please contact Stacie Peroulas directly for information about community performances.



Thrylos adult dance group traditional costumes



Our youngest dancers ready to perform at the Yiasou Festival

Yiasou Greek Festival

johnmahairas@windstream.net

The annual Yiasou Greek Festival has become one of the largest cultural events in greater Charlotte and is the main fundraiser for Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the community, the Yiasou Greek Festival also serves as a great opportunity to meet and connect with fellow parishioners.



Yiasou 5K participants with Father Vasileios

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, a portion of the Yiasou Greek Festival proceeds is given to local Charlotte charities.



Festival volunteers dressed as Greek soldiers

WHERE WE NEED YOU

It takes many hands to make the Yiasou Greek Festival a success. There are countless opportunities to help - before, during, and after the Festival.

PRE-FESTIVAL

- Join the Festival Committee: Contact John Mahairas for more information.
- Help Prep Food: Check your email for food preparation dates and simply come.
- Volunteer for the Yiasou Festival 5K: Always the Saturday before Labor Day weekend.
- Become a Festival Sponsor: Information is sent out each summer.
- Facility Prep: Contact the Church office if you would like to help.

WEEKEND OF FESTIVAL

- Volunteer at a Booth: So many to choose, and help is needed everywhere. A signup is sent each August for the large food tent. Other booths need help as well. Contact the Church office if you have a specific area in which you would like to volunteer. If you don't know or forget to sign up beforehand, please come to the Festival and ask the office where you are needed.

POST-FESTIVAL

- Facility Cleanup: This is often overlooked, but there is much to put away after the Festival. Please contact the Church office if you have time to help.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Please also contact John Mahairas for more information on:

- Advertising
- Booth Sponsorships
- Donations
- Vendors

Adult Sunday School

frankboardman@hotmail.com

The mission and goal of the class is to learn and implement the Word of God in our lives. The ever powerful, contemporary and life changing messages of each book of the Bible are the foundation for a life of piety for generations of Christians. Love for Christ and obedience to His Word are critical in order to spiritually attain and fulfill the objective of forming and shaping our lives in Christ the Savior.

MEETING TIMES

- Sundays, September through May, following Holy Communion.
- For young adults and adults.

Book Club

frvasileios@htgo.org

As Christians we want to cultivate our lives by following our Savior as the Fathers and the Saints did. Using various Orthodox books, we learn of the specific ways our Church has taught to bring to us Christ transforming Christian ways ever present in His Orthodox Church, and we discuss many topics that form our everyday spiritual life to current social issues.

MEETING TIMES

- Weekly evenings throughout the year. Check the Monthly Bulletin.
- All ages are welcome to attend.

Hosanna Bookstore

Hosanna Spirit of Orthodoxy Bookstore is a ministry of our Church that aims to educate our Greek Orthodox community and make Orthodoxy available to the greater Charlotte community. The Bookstore specializes in Orthodox religious items like books, icons, and gifts.

CO-CHAIRS

- Joanna Pitsikoulis
joanna.c.pitsikoulis@census.gov
- Anna Pitsikoulis
anna2etal@yahoo.com

WHERE WE NEED YOU

Volunteers are needed to work in the bookstore on Sundays, during the week, and at special events throughout the year. Please contact Joanna or Anna if interested in helping.



The best way to learn our faith is through practice. Please check the website for our worship schedule.

Greek School

(704) 231-2625 | greekschool@htgo.org

MISSION

The teaching, preservation and promotion of the Greek language, Greece's glorious history, its great civilization, the Hellenic-Christian ideals, and the subsequent reinforcement of our Greek national identity in the Greek students - holy heritage and unsurpassed values for the generations of today and tomorrow.

The Greek School has three major components:

- ❑ Greek Afternoon School, grades K-6
- ❑ School of Continuing Greek Education for adults, from beginner to advanced
- ❑ Authorized Examination Center for the Certification of Competence in Greek

DIRECTOR

- Larry Peroulas
larry_peroulas@hotmail.com

AFTERNOON SCHOOL

- The Standard Program (SP): Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:45-6:45 pm
- The Oral Communication Program (OCP): Tuesdays, 4:45-6:45 pm

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING ED

- For young adults and adults
- Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 pm
- Classes begin in October and end in May

2019 Greek Independence Day Celebration



PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Maria Pappas
mspappas79@gmail.com

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and to participate in Greek School activities. Please contact Maria Pappas to find out ways to become involved.

HTGO Preschool

(704) 333-4961 | preschool@htgo.org

MISSION

The mission of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Preschool is to provide each child with a positive learning environment, allowing them to master the appropriate educational and social skills needed for school readiness.

HTGOP is a Christian-based, half-day preschool program. Since a preschool experience is a child's first step into the world beyond the family, we strive to accept each child as a unique individual and meet their emotional and educational needs with love and support. Our goal is to provide each child a stimulating educational experience with opportunities to build relationships with other children through a variety of Orthodox Christian and Greek language centered activities. **For more information, tuition, and policies, contact the co-directors.**



Students with teacher Angelina Korinis releasing a class butterfly the students raised from a caterpillar



Father Vasileios reading to the students

CO-DIRECTORS

- Cindy Balatsias (704) 502-3859
- Maria Kleto (704) 564-5842

CLASSES

- 18 Month (Toddler) - 2 days week
- Two Year Old - 2 days week
- Three Year Old - 3 days week
- Four Year Old - 5 days week

All classes 9:15am to 1:15pm



2019 HTGO Preschool graduates in their caps and gowns

Sunday School

htgocsundayschool@gmail.com

MISSION

To provide our youth with a Christ-centered education of our Orthodox Faith, and to cultivate a community through Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness.



2019 senior class on the St. Photios pilgrimage

MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☐ Administration & Communication
- ☐ Curriculum & Resource Development
- ☐ Subcommittee & Volunteer Management
- ☐ Program Fundraising & Special Events
- ☐ Teacher Recruitment

SUBCOMMITTEES

- ☐ Christmas Pageant Committee
- ☐ Coffee Hours
- ☐ Oratorical Festival
- ☐ Myrrh Bearers
- ☐ St. Photios Pilgrimage
- ☐ Senior Events Committee
- ☐ Voice Writers & Photography

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Georgia Harakas
- Staci Pistolis
- Elizabeth Raby
- Sarah Vastis
- Kathy Vlahos

WHERE WE NEED YOU

Everywhere! With almost 400 children enrolled in our program, we are continually in need of lead, assistant, and substitute teachers, administrative support, and subcommittee volunteers. If interested, please email htgocsundayschool@gmail.com or stop by our office on Sundays following Liturgy.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Joanna Katsanos | protaprilia75@yahoo.com

Four-day summer camp for rising K-5th graders focusing on Christ and his teachings through crafts, music, games, and fellowship groups.



VBS students with Father Jonathan and GOYA volunteers

Men's Ministry Round Table with Fr. Vasileios

Taki Hondros | greekdoc@hotmail.com

Group - Men of all ages

Meeting Times - Various, check Bulletin

This ministry provides Christ-centered, spiritual environments and programs unique to men, which will encourage them to help one another to more strongly realize their Orthodox Christian responsibilities as husbands, fathers, and friends.



Forever Young Christmas Dinner

Women's Ministry Round Table with Fr. Vasileios

Effie Rodriguez | eretsios@hotmail.com

Group - Women of all ages

Meeting Times - Tuesday evenings, monthly

This group sets out to educate, inform and bring together women and mothers of the Orthodox faith. Discussions include Church Liturgical Calendar, lives of the Saints, mothering, and other topics pertaining to Christian women.

Forever Young

Maria Katopodis | 704-554-9052

Group - 55 years old and above

Meeting Times - Thursday evenings, monthly

This group is a monthly dinner event and is full of activities, speakers, entertainment and, most importantly, an opportunity to come together in fellowship.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

frjonathan@htgo.org

Group - College students

Meeting Times - One evening, every other week, for meal and spiritual discussion

The mission of our local OCF organization is to inspire area graduate and undergraduate college and university students to acquire greater self-awareness of their relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and God, and with their fellow man.



OCF Meeting with Father Vasileios

Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour

You or your ministry can sponsor a Sunday coffee hour in honor or in memory of a loved one, or for a special event or celebration by contacting the church office at 704-334-4771.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

Melissa Alatsis | melissap.alatsis@gmail.com

Group - All young adults 23 to 40 (approx), single, married, with or without children
Meeting Times - Every other week, for meal and spiritual discussion

Our mission is to cultivate relationships among our young adults, while striving together for the fullness of the Orthodox Christian faith, through attainment of the image and likeness of God (Theosis) and by practicing the four circles of Christian living: Worship (Liturgia), Witness (Martyria), Service (Diakonia) and Fellowship (Koinonia).



YAM bringing care packages to seniors in need

Married Ministry

frjonathan@htgo.org

Group - Married Couples, all ages
Meeting Times - Thursday evenings, monthly

This group is designed for newly married couples and married couples with children living at home. Monthly gatherings are held for fellowship and spiritual discussions.

Community Events

Holy Trinity has many community events throughout the year, including our Name Day Panegyri, New Year's Eve Dance, Family Fun Nights, and Christmas Performances. Much help is needed for each event. If you are interested in helping with an event or organizing a new one, please contact the church office at 704-334-4771.



Lambs roasting during our annual Panegyri



The 2017 Family Fun Night talent show cast

Acolytes (Altar Duty)

Billy Dean | (704) 737-1637
basileios.dean@gmail.com

For all boys from 3rd to 12th grade that wish to help serve in the Holy Altar under the guidance of the Priest. Information is sent out each fall in the Bulletin.

Altar Flowers

Please contact the church office at 704-334-4771 or office@htgo.org if you would like to sponsor altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Epistle Readers

Georgia Harakas | georgiaharakas@gmail.com

For all girls 6th to 12th grade who wish to read the English Gospel during Sunday's Divine Liturgy. A sign-up list by date is distributed at the beginning of each Sunday School year. Contact Georgia Harakas if you wish to be added to the email list.

Narthex & Usher Duty

Steffie Rizos | (704) 334-4771 | steffie@htgo.org

Composed of Parish council members and other experienced lay members of the Church willing to help in the Narthex to ensure an orderly worship service by guiding the parishioners into the Church and helping the Priests as needed.

Prosfora Baking & Koliva Preparation

Rena Georgiou | greekvrumoosa@yahoo.com

This group provides the Prosfora (church bread) for Divine Liturgy when it is needed, and prepares and distributes Koliva (wheat) for Memorial Services. Prosfora baking and Koliva preparation is a detailed spiritual ministry in its practice. For learning and guidance, please contact Rena.



Baking Prosfora for Divine Liturgy

Sanctuary & Altar Care

As Orthodox Christians, we emphasize the importance of sacred space, especially where we gather for worship. Therefore, the care and upkeep of our Cathedral is a very important and necessary ministry. We have many opportunities throughout the year to serve and care for our Sanctuary and Altar. If you are interested in learning more about assisting in Christ's ministry in this way, please contact the office.

Holy Trinity Choirs

MISSION

To offer our musical talent back to the Lord as He granted it to us, and to support our clergy and parish through faithful dedication and musical preparation.

In addition to Holy Services, all choirs sing annually at the Yiasou Greek Festival and the Holy Trinity Christmas Concert, provide caroling to patients at local hospitals in December, and may participate in the Southeastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Choirs and Musicians Annual Conference in July.



A portion of our choir at the SFGOCM Conference in Raleigh, NC in July 2017

WHERE WE NEED YOU

Have you been blessed with the desire and talent to sing? Would you like to do more than just follow along with the choir in the singing of our worship? Are you willing to prepare with the choir so that our spiritual celebrations go smoothly and beautifully? Are you willing to share your musical talent and offer it back to the Lord just as He granted it to you? If yes, please join any or all of our wonderful choirs! Please email any of our directors for more information or just come to the choir loft. And bring your children with you!

Byzantine Choir

dpetropoulos@yahoo.gr

This group chants the Orthros service and part of the Divine Liturgy each Sunday, and special services throughout the year, using traditional Byzantine chant. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday mornings.

First Service Choir

tpkarnazes@yahoo.com

This group sings and chants the first Divine Liturgy, at 8:30am each Sunday, using the Divine Liturgy Hymnal. Rehearsals are held every Monday from 7:00-8:30pm.

Second Service Choir

lucy_38@hotmail.com

This group sings and chants the second Divine Liturgy, at 9:30am each Sunday, in 4-part harmony using a variety of Orthodox composers, and for special services throughout the Liturgical Year. Rehearsals are held Sunday mornings.

Youth Choir

olga3music@gmail.com

This group learns about the hymns of our faith during the academic year and is open to all Sunday School students.



The Byzantine Choir chanting at Holy Trinity

Aerial view of Holy Trinity Cathedral



Cathedral Foundation

Spiro Galanis | sjgalanis@gmail.com

The purpose of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Foundation is to encourage charity in the community and charitable enterprises and organizations. Donations made to the Foundation are held and invested, and only the income and profits are distributed for the following purposes:

- Providing financial assistance to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Charlotte, NC
- Assisting charitable organizations
- Caring for the indigent, sick, aged and helpless members of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
- Advancing education

Hellenic Park Committee

Andre Harakas | agharakas@gmail.com

Hellenic Park is a 32-acre park in South Charlotte used for soccer practice and games, as well as annual outdoor events for our youth programs.

Improvements, Renovations, and Remodeling Committee (IRRC)

Gus Pappas | gus@simonini.com

The committee functions as the stewards of the grounds and buildings located on 600 East Blvd. It's the committee's responsibility to work with the clergy, parish council and parishioners on ground improvements, repairs, renovations and maintenance.

Stewardship

Nick and Carmen Kallelis | (704) 862-6401
nickvmi@gmail.com

VISION

Achieve maximum parishioner involvement via volunteerism and financial support.

MISSION

Seek greater participation in ministries and encourage full financial support through education and communication of our church's needs to our community. Provide a source of information defining how to be a member in good standing through volunteerism and financial support.

MEETING TIMES

The last Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Library. Open to all members of Holy Trinity.

AGAPE/LOVE

Chrys Housiades | hapsoulis@gmail.com

Group - Children up to 5 years of age

Meeting Times - Various, check Facebook page

The Agape/Love ministry is dedicated to bringing younger children and their families together while participating in fun educational and religious activities all year long. A main focus of this ministry is to incorporate the Greek language in these activities since it constitutes one of the most important elements of the Greek culture. For more information, contact us through our Facebook page “Agape/Love Toddler Group HTGO.”

HOPE/JOY

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Group - Kindergarten to 5th grade

Meeting Times - Various, check monthly bulletin

The Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education (HOPE) and Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) programs are Kindergarten to 5th grade Orthodox Christian children. Children participate in a variety of fun religious activities throughout the year. Annual activities include summer Vacation Church Camp (Bible School) and the Hellenic Summer Experience, which focuses on aspects of Hellenic culture, life, and religion.

Nursery

This group maintains the nursery and cry room in the Cathedral, for mothers and children to use during worship services. If you would like to help, please contact the Church office.



Hope/Joy children and Father Vasileios at the skating rink

Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA)

Deacon Christian Siskos | frchristian@htgo.org

Group - 6th to 12th grade

Meeting Times - Various, check monthly bulletin

Our mission is to provide 6th through 12th graders the opportunity for fellowship, service, witness and worship with one another, and with other members throughout the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, so they may grow in wisdom, have faith and love for Christ, His Church, and everyone around them. Activities include religious retreats, worship, service, athletic activities, and social programs.



Goyans preparing flowers for the Holy Friday Epitaphia

Service Committee

Rodanthe Koufaliotis | rdkoufaliotis@gmail.com

MISSION

The Service Committee organizes multiple service projects for our youth and their parents throughout the year, including the Sunday of Service each Fall and the Saturday of Service each Spring. They also manage Goyans Serve.

If you would like to volunteer or have a service project idea, please contact Rodanthe.



Children making sandwiches for the needy during the annual Sunday of Service



Members of Holy Trinity preparing care packages for homebound parishioners

Athletics

Father Christian Siskos | frchristian@htgo.org

BASKETBALL

Grades 2nd – 12th | Fees: \$150 / member
Registration begins the end of August.
Practices start the first week of November.

SOCCER

4 year olds – 12th grade | Fees: \$75 / member

Spring Season:

Registration begins at the end of December.
Practices start at the end of February.

Fall Season:

Registration begins mid-June.
Practices start at the end of August.

VOLLEYBALL

Grades 6th – 12th | Fees: None
Registration begins in May.
Practices start in June.

Queen City Classic Committee

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This group organizes the annual Queen City Classic youth basketball tournament, which takes place during President's Day weekend.



Pre-Game prayer at the Queen City Classic

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