

First Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas

150th Anniversary Celebration Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

An Evening on the Bayou

6:30 pm

Outdoor glendi on the Cathedral grounds Greek cuisine, live entertainment, cash bar and grand fireworks display; 6:30 pm - Ticketed Event: \$50. Tickets available.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

TRISAGION

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

In memory of the founders and departed priests of Holy Trinity

Keepers of the Faith Exhibition

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Historic Documents, icons, and artifacts chronicling the 150-year history of Holy Trinity – Hellenic Cultural Center

Great Vespers

5:30 pm

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Premiere Night Dinner

7:00 pm

Introductions descendants of Founders of Holy Trinity and earliest Greeks in New Orleans. Presentation of Documentary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Orthros - - Holy Trinity Cathedral

8:45 am

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy - Holy Trinity Cathedral

10:00 am

Celebration Banquet – Hellenic Cultural Center - following Divine Liturgy

Keepers of the Faith Exhibition

3:30 pm - 5 pm

Open following the Celebration Banquet



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

New Orleans, Louisiana

First Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America

150th Anniversary - 1864-2014

Celebration Events October 10 - 12, 2014

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New Orleans is celebrating the proud heritage and history of the Church and Community that started 150 years ago as a center for Orthodox Christians in New Orleans and the nearby areas. The community began in 1864 to offer a place for Orthodox Christians to meet, worship and maintain their traditions and culture.

It is with great pride and excitement, during this celebration in 2014, that we recognize the Community Priests, Parish Council Presidents and Community Members who have labored and guided Holy Trinity through its history. They have assured the continued spiritual growth and preservation of Greek Orthodoxy in Christ's name.

A special celebratory Divine Liturgy will be held in Celebration of the 150 years of Holy Trinity New Orleans with a Commemorative Banquet following. The Anniversary Celebration events have been held all year, in recognition of the founders of Holy Trinity and those who have worked to maintain the church for 150 years.

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity and is the name day of our Holy Trinity Cathedral. This year Pentecost was celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014 and was also the day the Community welcomed Reverend Father George Wilson as the new Dean of Holy Trinity. The Divine Liturgy was followed by a special 150th Anniversary Celebration and Welcome reception.







Pentecost Services, June 8, 2014 with Celebrant, Rev. Fr. George Wilson.

Holy Trinity began the 150th Anniversary Celebration with Epiphany Services and Cross Retrieval on January 12, 2014 on the banks of Bayou St. John in front of Holy Trinity Cathedral. As the Epiphany during the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist marked the beginning of Christ's ministry, Holy Trinity's Epiphany Celebration this year on Bayou St. John, marked the beginning of Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary Celebration.



Epiphany Service in front of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, on the banks of Bayou St. John, January 12, 2014, Very Reverend Father Maximos Pafilis officiating, assisted by Very Reverend Peter Nugent.



Father Maximos prepares to throw the cross into Bayou St. John.



Cross Retrievers in Bayou St. John, January 12, 2014.

The one who retrieves the cross receives a special blessing.



Cross Retrievers and Dover Bearer in front of Holy Trinity Cathedral

This historic anniversary commemorates the First Greek Orthodox Church founded in North and South America 150 years ago. We honor the commitment of Holy Trinity members to maintain their faith and place of worship, while recognizing their contributions to the City of New Orleans and surrounding areas.

Activities have taken place throughout the year with culmination events scheduled Friday, October 10 through Sunday, October 12, 2014. The Celebration includes a Commemorative Album, Video Historic Documentary, Celebration Evening on the Bayou, Great Vespers, Archival Exhibition, dinner with Premiere of Documentary "150 Years of Holy Trinity New Orleans", Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and 150th Anniversary Banquet.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral is not only a place of religious worship for Orthodox Christians in the New Orleans area, but has been, throughout its history, a center for the preservation and recognition of Greek Heritage and Culture, through Greek language, Greek dance, Greek Nights, the Annual Greek Festival held each May and other events and programs.

The Archives Committee, "Keepers of the Faith", works to preserve and share the history of the First Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas. They honor the Orthodox Christian Pioneers who established their faith sustained by deeply held religious and cultural beliefs and roots. Artifacts have been preserved from the first worshiping community members dating back to the 1860's. The Holy Trinity Historical Collection includes Sacramental Journals, icons, historical documents, service books, liturgical vessels, religious vestments, cultural garments, photographs and more. Work continues for the preservation of additional historic artifacts, icons and documents of Holy Trinity, the first Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas.

You are invited to join Holy Trinity for its 150th Anniversary Celebration, to visit Holy Trinity Cathedral and learn about the history of the first Greek Orthodox Church in America and become a sponsor to support 150th anniversary events and programs.

Sponsorships and Memorials may be submitted for 150th Anniversary Programs including the Holy Trinity Video Documentary, Commemorative Album, Evening on the Bayou; Saturday, New Orleans Greeks in the City Bus Tour, Trisagion, Great Vespers, Premiere Night Dinner event; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Banquet. For more information please Contact the Cathedral Office at 504-282-0259 or 150th Anniversary Co-Chairmen Barbara Stavis Wolf (hellenic2004@yahoo.com) or Constandinos Vennis (kvennis@cox.net).



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"Greeks in New Orleans" 150 years of Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox Cathedral – New Orleans

"Greeks in New Orleans: 150 Years of Holy Trinity" on WYES CHANNEL 12 NEW ORLEANS

DVD's of the Documentary are available from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral 1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 504-282-0259

\$25.95, includes shipping and handling



Cathedral Web site: http://www.holytrinitycathedral.org/

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Thank you.