

RE-OPENING!

September 11, 2022

HTGOC Bookstore & Gift Shop

We are blessed to announce the reopening of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church bookstore and gift shop on September 11, 2022. As we pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord during the tragedy of 9/11, we are reminded of the love of God for us through His Body, the Church. Subdeacon Michael Fotianos and his lovely wife Ingrid, who are leaving our Parish after many years, have given their lives to the Church. We have all been deeply enriched as a result. In their honor, the bookstore/gift shop will be aptly called the "Michael and Ingrid Fotianos Bookstore." Axios!

In 2005, when our Parish moved to our present location, Mike and Ingrid began the bookstore. With the blessing of Fr. Nikitas Theodosion and under the direction of the Parish Council, they ran this ministry for many years. Through this bookstore ministry, and their many other ministries at Holy Trinity, they shared the Faith and set an example of agape love for all of us to follow.

Michael served in the altar as subdeacon through the eras of several priests at Holy Trinity. Each week, Ingrid accompanied him both arriving very early. In addition to hosting her own coffee hours, she made sure the coffee was set up and was always eager and willing to help the other hosts and hostesses.

Subdeacon Michael taught the adult Bible Study, first at Waldo St., then at the present location for many years. Michael also lovingly and unselfishly mentored and taught the Faith to the youth of our Parish, especially to the young men who served as Acolytes. He was, and is, a tremendous part of their lives and they will carry his teaching with them.

They will be sorely missed. We can honor their legacy by learning about the Faith so that we too, can share it with others. Please spend time visiting our newly revamped bookstore and consider books/gifts from the Michael and Ingrid Fotianos Bookstore for your family, friends, God family, and to yourself.

In Christ! Paula Marchman Lekas and Melissa Kauttu Strange