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Check them out!

Message from Father Apostolos

Sizzling Summer Salvation



Packed away in a box of childhood archives is a small bronze coin I received in middle school from my local library's Summer Reading Program. Always an avid reader, I raced through the library's book list, even irritating my father during our vacation in the Great Lakes region that summer, my nose wedged between the pages of Terry Brooks' now classic *"The Sword of Shannara."*

The more relaxed pace of summer affords us an opportunity to indulge the pleasurable pastime of recreational reading. (*Parents: don't take no for an answer! Your child will, in fact, survive the trauma of limited i-phone use!*) And while the rise of American a-literacy is well documented, I have staunchly maintained that Orthodox Christians, inheritors of so rich a literary legacy, ought to buck this trend.

But where to begin? The digital age places at our fingertips a wealth of soul-enriching material as near as your phone or mobile device. Here are a few recommendations to get you started.

Our Archdiocese offers one of the best Daily Reading Apps available at <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/internet/mobileapps>. Here you will find mobile apps for the daily Scripture readings and lives of the Saints, an Orthodox Prayer book, even for studies in Byzantine Music!

Since God doesn't take the summer off, neither should we. And these mobile tools allow us to follow the Church Calendar wherever we are.

For those wishing to explore their faith more deeply, the OCA website contains the brilliant 4-volume set of Fr. Thomas Hopko's *"The Orthodox Faith"* at <http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith>. This resource contains short chapters which explain the beliefs, history, worship, and spirituality of Holy Orthodoxy. I highly recommend this tool to children and adults alike!



For those long road trips and airline flights <http://ancientfaithradio.com/podcasts> contains a vast library of podcasts from Orthodox contributors around the world. Wherever our summer travels find us we can easily access these and other tools and collection of Orthodox prayers and readings.

Now, back to my own reading list... that stack of books on the nightstand isn't getting any smaller!

Christ is Risen!

Fr. Apostolos N. N.

Stewardship

Educate, Participate, Elevate

Some new and exciting changes are coming your way in the fall when we launch Stewardship 2017.

We have a brand new Stewardship Committee that is enthusiastic and committed to helping “elevate” Holy Trinity and set some new goals. We have been meeting regularly to define what we are doing right and identify areas where we can improve.

Our first goal is to have 100% participation from our parishioners. Over the years some families have dropped off or simply not filled out stewardship cards.

Did you know that in order to be a steward of the church you must fill out a Stewardship Pledge Card? Even if you make financial contributions or commitments of time and talent, you still need to fill out that piece of paper to be recognized as a Steward-In-Good-Standing.

Our second goal is to increase the committed amounts from our families. Did you know that if every single family contributed just \$35 per week we would meet all of Holy Trinity’s financial needs? If that were the case then things like the Festival and other fundraisers could be used for things like remodeling our community center or repairing the stained glass of the Cathedral. So, if a family of three went to the movies once a week and bought just one soda that is the equivalent of that stewardship goal.

Our third goal is to make becoming a steward easier. We are doing this by making the process of filling out your Stewardship Pledge Card and making those stewardship contributions much easier.

We will do this by enabling you to fill out your Stewardship Pledge Card electronically from Holy Trinity’s website, setting up automatic payments and making your commitments simple and automated.

And, although change is good, don’t worry, our old stand-bys will still be available. For those who prefer to fill out a paper version of the pledge card and write a check to place in the passed trays on Sundays – that system that has served us well – will still be in place.

We will continue to work hard over the summer to bring you these new changes and additions to Holy Trinity, bringing us a more updated and current system.

Also, as we wrap up the Ecclesiastical Year this spring and head off to our summer vacations, we ask that you please remember to continue to make your stewardship contributions. We may all go on vacation, but the Church does not. Electricity, water, insurance and salaries still need to be paid so please try to remember to mail in those checks if you will be away.

Meet your new Stewardship Team:

Sandy Meris – Chairperson

Charles DeMoss

Alexi Panagiotakopoulos

Costa Tzavaras

Paulina Watson

Angela Koumontzis

Thanasi Panagiotakopoulos

Adam Venetis

+REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL+

St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

The summer months are usually the time for visiting new places or reuniting with family and friends who don't live close to us. A friend suggested to me that, since many of us bring gifts on these visits, a reminder to [add the St. Nectarios Books and Beyond website and email addresses to our phones](#) would be helpful. Those addresses are listed below this article. *Please note that gifts ordered from St. Nectarios can be mailed directly to the recipient, so there is nothing for you to pack as you travel!* But thinking about the suggestion made me realize that visiting and vacationing are also a very excellent opportunity for us to share our Orthodox faith. We can let others see by our actions and our conversations that for Orthodox families, faith isn't only a "Sunday" event; Christ is "with us always" and He doesn't go on vacation. When we are asked about what has been going on in our lives, don't forget happenings at Church. Look for ways to bring them into your talks, or explore the life of your relative's namesake on the internet together! Share what you know about your faith. To assist with this, here's a listing of the Saints' and Holy Days for June and July:

June 9 – Holy Ascension: the world celebrates Christ's birth and entry on earth, but how many celebrate His return to Heaven? Remember that acknowledging His return is admitting He is God!

June 19 – Holy Pentecost: many know that tongues of fire came upon the Apostles on this day, but do we remind ourselves that when they "spoke in tongues" it was so that each one hearing could understand Christ's love for us in our own language? The Gospel is Good News meant to be shared with all!

June 24 – Nativity of John the Baptist: St. John the Baptist, the Forerunner, points to Christ's coming to us as Savior and God. Although a Prophet, he is "greater than all the prophets before him" since he foretells and heralds the Fulfillment, Christ Himself.

June 30 – Synaxis of the Holy Apostles: Sts. Peter and Paul are two of the most traveled and best known Apostles. St. Peter is the Rock who led the new Christian Church and St. Paul, who once persecuted that Church, became one of its greatest defenders and preached Christ's Truth for the rest of his life.

July 11 – Euphemia the Great Martyr, Olga Equal to the Apostles: Who in your family will be first to share the stories of these two women who gave their lives to live for Christ?

July 17 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers: These are the participants in the first Council of Nicaea. Our Creed is the "Nicene Creed." The holiness of the Fathers is not personal to each but their collective witness to Orthodoxy, and at their vespers we sing that they are the "worthy guardians of apostolic traditions."

July 20 – Prophet Elijah: The Troparion of the Prophet calls him the "Pillar of the prophets" and "precursor of the Second Coming of Christ."

July 26 – St. Paraskeve of Rome: Did you know her name means "getting ready for the Sabbath?" Are we ready for it?

July 27 – St. Panteleimon the Martyr: He was a physician who, after his conversion to Christianity, performed many miracles in Christ's name. Many of us pray for his intercessions for sick loved ones.

And now you have a few facts to share with those you encounter during your summer! If St. Nectarios Books and Beyond can assist in any way, please contact us at:

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PENTECOST

Holy Trinity Cathedral Feast Day

Vespers & Family Glendi



SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

6 PM Vespers | 7 PM Family Glendi

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks & music - a fun evening for the whole family at the James A. Speros Community Center.

You and your family are invited to worship and celebrate Pentecost, the Feast Day for Holy Trinity Cathedral, on Saturday, June 18. Vespers will take place at 6 PM in the Cathedral, followed by a Family Glendi with delicious food. Free-will offerings are welcome.

- Oli Mazi let us celebrate our Feast Day! -

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Orthodox Council

The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Churches will be held June 16-27 in Crete. For the first time in 1200 years, the primates of all 14 Orthodox autocephalous (or self-governed) Churches, along with more than 300 bishops and others, will meet to pray and discuss issues of common concern. For more information see the attached flyer and click on this link: <http://www.OrthodoxCouncil.org/>



The Holy and Great Council PENTECOST 2016 "He called all to unity"

History of the Holy and Great Council

By Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

The Orthodox Church is the church of the apostles, the church of the martyrs, the church of the fathers, the church of the councils. Through the centuries, the Orthodox Church convened local and regional, great and greater, as well as universal or ecumenical councils. Just as every celebration of the holy Eucharist is a confirmation of the communion between each person with his or her community, and that local community with the universal Church,



His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch. Photo: Nikolaos Manginas

so too, every council is a reaffirmation of the unity between each local and self-governing Orthodox church with the universal Church. In fact, St. John Chrysostom – the renowned fourth-century archbishop of Constantinople – boldly states that “council” is another name for “church.”

In this spirit and from its responsibility and privilege to ensure inter-Orthodox unity and facilitate inter-Orthodox cooperation, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has tirelessly labored to convene a Pan-Orthodox Council since the early 1900s.

Preparations for this council began in earnest in 1961 and continued through the 1960s, while pre-conciliar conferences, tasked with forming the council’s agenda and its rules of operation, met in 1976 through 1986. After a long hiatus created by immense political and ideological changes, as well as the unprecedented social and religious challenges resulting from the collapse of the Iron Curtain, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew revived the process in 2008.



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So, after almost a century, the agenda was finalized, the documents were edited, and the process was completed in January 2016.



The Holy and Great Council is assembling on the feast of Pentecost.

Never before in the history of the Orthodox Church have so many Orthodox churches – fourteen from around the world – assembled in one and the same place.

Yet, despite hesitation and apprehension, despite reservation and even resistance, the Holy and Great Council is being convened at the Orthodox Academy of Crete—steps from a ninth-century Monastery of the Virgin Mary—from June 16 to June 27, 2016.

He called all to unity. May we respond with charity and generosity.

We fervently ask the plenitude of the Church – clergy and laity, men and women, old and young – to pray for this unique and historical event. We especially ask that you implore God to strengthen and inspire the leaders of the Church to manifest their unity in a world afflicted by conflict and division.

May God bless the Holy and Great Council. And May His abundant grace be with all of you.

- His All-Holiness Bartholomew,
Ecumenical Patriarch





TOWARDS THE HOLY AND GREAT COUNCIL: A Comprehensive Timeline

For the first time in 1200 years, the fourteen autocephalous Orthodox Churches will meet, with a common desire to reinforce their relations and address contemporary spiritual and social challenges in the world.

1961 Sept. 24 - Oct. 1

First Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1962 Sept 26-29

Second Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1963 Nov 1-15

Third Pan-Orthodox Conference, Rhodes

1968 June 8-15

Fourth Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

1971 July 15-28

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy



1976 Nov. 21-28

First Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Methodology and themes for the Holy and Great Council
- The Orthodox Church's relations with other Christian churches
- Discussion on the common celebration of Easter by all Christians

1977 June 28 - July 3

Congress on the Common Celebration of the Easter by all Christians on a Fixed Sunday

1982 Sept 3-12

Second Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Impediments to marriage
- Adaptation of the ordinances regarding fasting

1986 Feb 15-23

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

"He called all to unity"

1986 Oct 28 - Nov 6

Third Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Adaptation of ordinances for fasting
- The mission of the Orthodox Church in the world

1990 Nov 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

- Orthodox Diaspora

1992

First Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul



1993 Nov 7-13

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

- Autocephaly

1995 April 10-13

Canon Law Congress on Regulation for Episcopal Assemblies, Chambésy

1995

Second Synaxis of Primates, Patmos

2000

Third Synaxis of Primates, Jerusalem/Bethlehem and Istanbul/Nicaea

2008

Fourth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2009 June 8-12

Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

- Episcopal Assemblies

2009 Dec. 10-17

Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission, Chambésy

- Autocephaly and Autonomy
- Diptychs

2014

Fifth Synaxis of Primates, Istanbul

2015 Oct. 10-17

Fifth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference, Chambésy

2016 Jan. 21-28

Sixth Synaxis of Primates, Chambésy

2016 June 16-27

The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church, Crete



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1200 YEARS...



Photos courtesy Archon Dimitrios Panagos and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.



Official channels of communications

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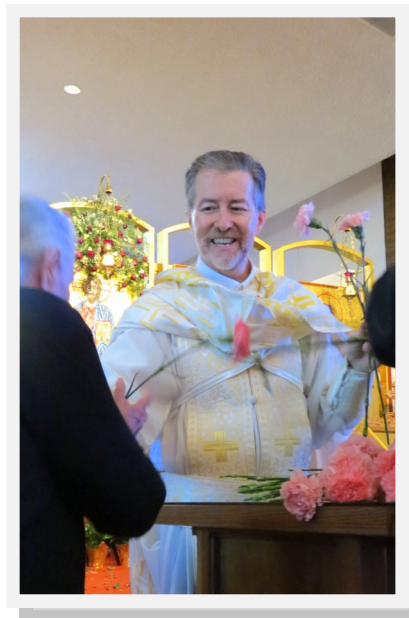
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Mother's Day Flowers



Carnations were offered to all parishioners in honor of our mothers everywhere.

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

What is Philoptochos?

The translation is

Philo = Friend and Ptochos = Poor.

It is literally "Friend of the Poor."



Scholarship Opportunity

Attention College students –

or recent graduates on their way to college!

Philoptochos will give two \$1,000 scholarships to Holy Trinity students enrolled in college in the fall of 2016. Scholarship forms are available in the Church Narthex.

Requirements are on the form. Application deadline for a scholarship is June 5th.

If you would like an electronic copy, please call 602-300-0016.

Interested in joining Philoptochos? Call Mary Louise at 602-943-5080 for more info.

Greek School



It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed and come to an end. I would like to thank all the parents for your faith, trust, and commitment to the mission of Holy Trinity Greek School. It is your belief in the Greek traditions and education values that help us to sustain our school. We respect the sacrifices each family makes to send their child to Greek School, and we will continue to put your child first in everything we do! This was a very busy year and you, as partners in education, played a great role in making it a success!

Irene Dartozos-Mackos
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Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners 50+



For more information on attending Desert Diamonds upcoming Fall events, contact

Diana Harris at 602-996-0113,
Doree Drakos at 602-993-0659 or
Nickolette Tavlarides at 602-725-8653

Cathedral Photo Directory



Additional New Directory Photo
Appointments Available

If you were unable to have your portrait taken previously, there are two upcoming dates to schedule an appointment,

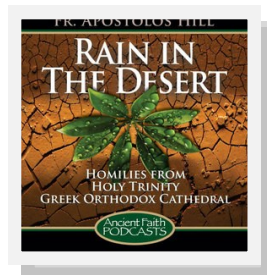
Monday, June 6, from 11am-7:30pm and
Tuesday, June 7, from 9am -4:30pm.

Call Eleanna Mitchell at 480-797-9264 to make a reservation or stop by the table in the Large Hall of the Speros Center this Sunday, June 5 after Divine Liturgy.

FREE 8'x10' portrait! FREE Directory!
Ask for details.

Rain In The Desert

Recordings of Father's
homilies from Holy
Trinity Greek
Orthodox Cathedral



From the link:

“Fr. Apostolos Hill, Dean of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Phoenix, AZ, delivers a timely message in a humorous and straightforward preaching style as he draws from his various life adventures to underscore the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to save and to heal broken humanity. Sprinkled liberally throughout with passages from Holy Scripture, Fr. Apostolos’ homilies challenge the spiritual ethos of postmodernity that seeks to limit the transforming impact of the life in Christ and convince us that “being a good person” is good enough.”

Link to recordings of Father's sermons:

<http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/rain>

Hellenic Historical Museum

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

7 Things to Know About Our Historical Museum:

1. John Katsenes was instrumental in getting a committee together to work on the book "Greeks In Phoenix", published in 2008. The committee at that time consisted of Alexandra Anagnopoulos, Helen Glitsos, Bessie Hotis, Emily Kimmell, Andrew Limber, and Mary Louise Theodoropoulos.
2. The current Museum Board of Directors are Alexandra Anagnopoulos, Stella Glitsos, Bessie Hotis, Helen Katsufakis, Emily Kimmell, Tassie Ladas, Andrew Limber, Helen Moschovitis, Fannie Pappas, Harry Pappas, Gregory Skedros, Diane Starros, Gus Theodoropoulos, Mary Louise Theodoropoulos, and Zella Zannis.
3. John Katsenes and Emily Kimmell donated the double glass doors that lead into the Museum. (Have you noticed the little girl in the lower right hand corner of the mural outside of the Museum wearing a white coat and dark hat? That little girl is Emily Kimmell.)
4. Gregory Skedros gave us a large donation which enabled us to complete the Museum. The donation was in memory of his wife (a Phoenix native and Holy Trinity member) Jenny Pappas Skedros.
5. Thanks to Andrew Limber, President of the Museum Board at that time, who coordinated the completion of the Museum. We were able to officially open during our Greek Festival in October 2010.
6. Pete Zorbas, Holy Trinity parishioner, was the licensed contractor who remodeled the inside of the Museum.
7. We thank John Katsenes for continuing to support the Museum with his donations.

Located in the northeast section of the James A. Speros Community Center, the Museum displays vintage photographs and other historic artifacts related to pioneer Greek families in Phoenix from the early 1900s, the founding in 1930 of the first Hellenic Orthodox Church in Arizona, and the relocation in 1973 to the present site of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Open the first Sunday of each month after Divine Liturgy.

Contact Bessie Hotis at bhotis@cox.net for more information.

Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found in the Church Office for items that might be yours.



Holy Trinity Academy

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Thank you from *A Toast to the Future* to all who attended the 10th annual event and a big thank you to the following sponsors:

Celebrating Holy Trinity Academy's 10th Annual



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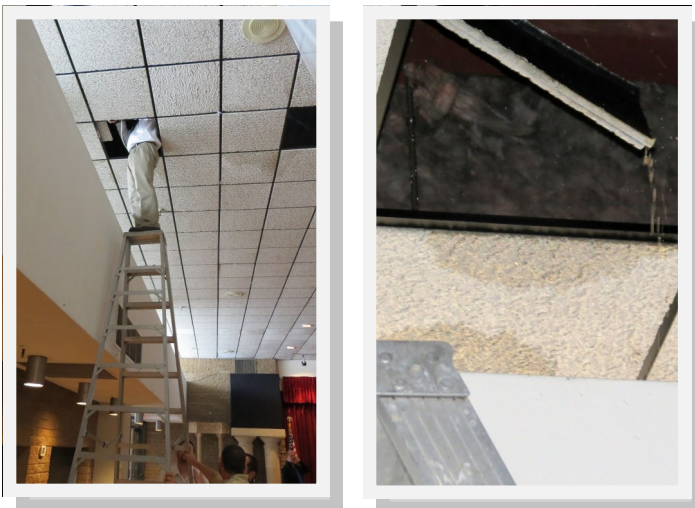
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For The Good of the Cathedral



Plans are underway to repair the leaking roof (due to age) and the damaged ceiling tiles in the Speros Center. Thank you to all who've assisted so far in getting this big project going, but we have a long way to go before bids and financing are in place. Please contact any member of the Parish Council if you can offer further assistance.

Our Church Family

Baptism

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
Galations 3:27

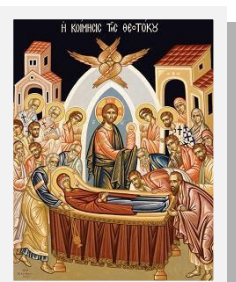


5/21/2016

Nicholas Pestrivas, son of Angelo Pestrivas,
Godparent is Kalli Schneider.
God's Blessings be upon him.

Funeral

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever."
Psalm 23:6



5/19/2016

Karen Kimmell
May her memory be eternal.

Do You Have Photos or Videos of the 2015 Phoenix Greek Festival?

We'd like to see them!

Photo discs or flash drives are the preferable method to transport the photos or videos or contact Kristen Vasilarakos at kvasilarakos@cox.net for more information.



Mark Your Calendars!

The next Committee and Booth Leader Meeting is Tuesday, June 14 at 6pm in the Large Hall of the Speros Center. Open to everyone.

Topic: Food and Beverage

The first Baking session is Wednesday, June 22 beginning at 9am in the Large Hall of the Speros Center. Open to everyone.

Production: Dolmathes

The dates of the 2016 Original Phoenix Greek Festival are **October 7, 8, and 9.**

Your Festival Chairs,
Nick Kretsedemas
Angelo Pestrivas
Kristen Vasilarakos



2016 Phoenix Greek Festival Meeting and Preparation Schedule

	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
Jun 2016				1	2	3	4	<p>6/14/2016 6:00pm Festival Meeting (Lounge): Food and Beverage Open to all. Who do we need to attend? Anyone associated with food purchasing, food production, kitchens, inside and outside food booths, baking, alcohol, soda and water purchasing/donations, bars</p> <p>What do we want to accomplish? Purchasing decisions, finalized menu, calendar laid out for festival prep cooking, current inventory count, donation requests, purchasing, bar lay-outs and construction, staffing and staffing responsibilities, festival week timelines</p>
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	<p>6/22/2016 9:00am Dolmathes Production (Large Hall) Open to all</p>
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	<p>7/12/2016 6:00pm Festival Meeting (Lounge): Infrastructure, Festival Site Plan, Vendor Site Plan, Permitting, Entertainment, Shuttles, Shuttle Parking, Church Lot Parking, Trash, Scout Duties, Hired Labor Open to all. Who do we need to attend? Anyone associated with facilities, equipment, vendors, permitting, entertainment, shuttles, parking, trash, Scouts, hired labor</p>
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	<p>What do we want to accomplish? Site lay-out, electricity, lighting, sound, vendors, band, dance, permits, category timelines, hired-labor accountability</p>
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	<p>7/20/2016 9:00am Koulourakia Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p> <p>7/24/2016 Following Divine Liturgy Food/ Disposables Inventory (Kitchen) Open to all. Who do we need to attend? Anyone willing to help.</p> <p>What do we want to accomplish? Count and organize on-site food and disposables.</p>
Jul 2016	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<p>8/16/2016 6:00pm Festival Meeting (Lounge): Marketing, Raffle, Friends of the Festival, Signage, Brochure Open to all. Who do we need to attend? Anyone associated with marketing, promotions, social media, raffle, Friends of the Festival</p>
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	<p>What do we want to accomplish? Marketing budget decisions, marketing plan overview, website, FoF, raffle prizes, new signs, entrance brochure</p>
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	<p>8/17/2016 9:00am Melomakarona Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p> <p>8/23—8/25/2016 9:00am Baklava and Kataifi Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p> <p>8/30 and 8/31/2016 9:00am Tsourekis Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p>
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>9/13/2016 6:00pm Festival Meeting (Lounge): Finance, Gate, Admission Tickets, Gift Certificates, Parking Passes, Church Tours, Bookstore Open to all. Who do we need to attend? Anyone associated with finance, the bank, the counting room, cashiers, entrance gate, church office, church tours, bookstore</p> <p>What do we want to accomplish? Debit/credit cards, banking procedures, registers, entrance procedures, ticket and passes printing, promotions distribution, who needs tickets/baked goods/other in exchange for donations, church tours schedule and procedures, bookstore needs, any area left unaddressed, finalizing and implementing previous decisions</p>
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	<p>9/15/2016 9:00am Galaktoboureko Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p> <p>9/18/2016 12:00pm Festival Meeting (Lunch Room, Ed. Bldg.): General Overview and Q&A Open to all. Who do we need to attend? All What do we want to accomplish? Offer an overview of where the committee is at this point, what still needs to be accomplished, answer community questions.</p>
Aug 2016	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	<p>9/21/2016 9:00am Diples Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p> <p>9/28 and 9/29/2016 9:00am Kourembiethes and Crescents Production (Large Hall) Open to all.</p>
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	<p>9/27, 9/29, 10/2—10/6/2016 9:00am Daily Festival Set-Up and Prep (Church Grounds)</p>
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	<p>10/3—10/5/2016 9:00am Pastry Packaging (Large Hall) Open to all.</p> <p>10/7—10/9/2016 Phoenix Greek Festival (Church Grounds)</p>
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	<p>10/10 and 10/11/2016 9:00am Festival Breakdown (Church Grounds) Open to all over 18 (minors need to be accompanied by a parent)</p>
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<p>10/16/2016 Following Divine Liturgy Festival Leftovers Sale and Buffet</p> <p>10/28/2016 Wrap-Up First draft profit and loss statement due</p>
Sep 2016	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Oct 2016	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	

Dates and times are subject to change. Announcements will be made through the church office and by email of any date or time change.

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Sandy Meris, President



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – UNDER THE STARS!

(But because of rain, the movie was moved into the Large Hall)

Friday, May 6, 2016



OPA hosted our final youth and family event of the year with a Movie Night.

Due to a rare rainstorm, we had to move the fun inside, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended.

We watched "Minions," enjoyed some southern-style food from local food truck [Buzznbeez Chicken and Waffles for the People](#) and munched on popcorn and

candy while chuckling to the antics of those zany Minions! It was a wholesome family event.

All Saints Camp Arizona

Campers and Staff left on Sunday, May 29 for Pine Summit campsite in Prescott, Arizona.

Look in the next issue of *Desert Springs* for photos and updates on this fun and rewarding week!



OPA Graduation Luncheon

Sunday, May 22, 2016

[More Photos](#)

OPA Honors our Graduates!

It was a joyous and celebratory luncheon as OPA honored Holy Trinity's 8th grade, high school and college graduates. It was inspiring to hear about all of our young student's accomplishments and wish them well as they reach this new milestone.

Class of 2016

8th Grade

Cole Cartier
Anna Ehrick
Madeline Fraenkel
Panayiotis Kostouros
Athena Kretsedemas
Harris Manelis
Dean Papadopoulos
Eleni Papadopoulos
Susie Papadopoulos
Demetri Pickett

High School

Zoe Ehrick
Gianna Pesognelli
Nicholas Pestrivas
Peter Gregory Schneider
Costa Theodore

College

Vasilios Annos
Eleni Karandreas
Anna Panagiotakopoulos
Gabriella Papatzimas
Christina Pesognelli
Christina Petsas



AHEPA Chapter 219 provided two cakes for the Graduation Luncheon to honor the grads in recognition of AHEPA Sunday.



Father Apostolos spoke to the recent graduates about their future choices, then led them in a special prayer.

Hello, Summer!

As school lets out and summer approaches, OPA takes a much-needed break. It has been a wonderfully fulfilling year with youth retreats, parent workshops, community service and outreach, parties, and activities galore! We hope you all enjoyed the activities this year and we look forward to bringing together more fun and fellowship next year. Until then, enjoy your summer and enjoy your kids because they grow up fast! See you in the Fall!



AHEPA-Sponsored Mother's Day Brunch

May 8, 2016



AHEPA Chapter 219 Overview





Childhood hunger is a problem that affects over 21 million children in the United States. In Arizona alone, 1.7 million do not get enough to eat on a daily basis

For 10 weeks this summer the Orthodox churches of Phoenix will feed over 15,000 meals to children who suffer from food insecurity

Volunteers are needed to deliver and serve meals.

We need you May 23–August 5!

Sign up to volunteer at specific times at WWW.FOCUSNORTHAMERICA.ORG/PHOENIX

For questions email SDAWSON@FOCUSNA.ORG

FOCUS North America is a national movement of Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions to poverty in communities across America. FOCUS has operations and life-changing youth volunteer development opportunities in more than 50 cities.

American Hellenic Institute Foundation College Student Foreign Policy Study Trip to Greece and Cyprus June 15 – July 1, 2016

To stand in a place where, for generations, Christians stood in awe and reverence of the Creator of all, where incense and psalmody once rose from earth to Heaven in praise of the God who became man; but now stands abandoned and desecrated, with no respect or honor given to things of the earth or of Heaven, is truly a powerful and moving experience.

– Manoli Anagnostiadis, University of Maryland, upon viewing a desecrated Church in occupied Cyprus in 2012.

The AHIF Foreign Policy trip to Cyprus and Greece was an invaluable experience. Through briefings with prominent government officials, and experiences like visiting the occupied territory of Cyprus, I gained an understanding why it is important to lobby for Greek and Cypriot issues in the United States. The study trip made me a better-informed Greek American and has put me in a position where I can make a difference and advocate for Greek and Cypriot issues in America.

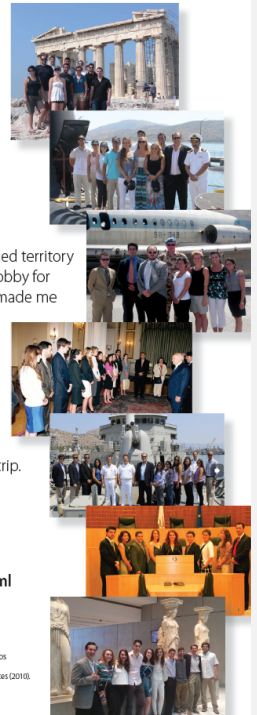
– Michael Savvas, University of San Diego (2010 trip)

The AHIF trip is something I will never forget. I am returning to the United States with new friends, amazing memories, and as a more learned person because of this foreign policy trip. I wouldn't trade those two weeks for anything.

– Lia Seremetis, University of Cincinnati (2009 trip)

For more information on how to apply, visit:
<http://ahiworld.org/for-students/policy-trip.html>
or email Yola Pakhchanian at yolap@ahiworld.org

Photos, from top:
The students at the Acropolis (2008).
Students aboard the H5 Papanikolaou submarine with Lieutenant Commander Georgios Kasapiadis, Commanding Officer (2014).
At the old Nicosia International Airport with a member of the UN Peace keeping forces (2010).
Student delegation with the President of Greece, Karellos Papoulias (2011).
Students aboard the H5 Sabanis (2013).
Students at the House of Representatives in Cyprus (2012).
The National House of Representatives Museum (2014).



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Sample Size

This is the place to recognize your family, friends and fellow parishioners for anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, get wells, awards, special accomplishments, good deeds, above-and-beyond volunteering—anything that is positive, endearing and thoughtful.

Cost is \$20 per ad for one issue. Photos are acceptable.

Fill out the form and include an optional photo and full payment (cash or check) and drop in the boxes in the Narthex and Church Office or mail to Kristen Vasilarakos c/o Holy Trinity Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, 85016. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral. Or contact Kristen at kvasilarakos@cox.net for more information.

Ads will be designed by the Desert Springs staff. Submitter will be contacted prior to publishing if editing of the content of the wording is needed.



Congratulatory and Happy Ads for the *Desert Springs* monthly publication:

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I wish to remain anonymous. Yes No ____ (initial)

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Submitter's Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

~ June 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Coffee Hour – PHILOPTOCHOS	1 7pm-8:30pm – Choir practice All Saints Camp	2 6pm - Philoptochos Fun Night (SH) All Saints Camp	3 All Saints Camp	4
5 SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy Grevas memorial	6 VCS	7 VCS	8 VCS 5:30pm – Leavetaking of Pascha 6pm - Vespers 7pm-8:30pm – Choir practice	9 HOLY ASCENSION 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy VCS 6pm – Parish Council meeting (Conference room)	10 VCS	11
12 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy Kimmell memorial	13 VCS	14 VCS 6pm – Festival meeting (Ed Bldg lunchroom)	15 VCS 7pm-8:30pm – Choir practice	16 VCS	17 VCS	18 SATURDAY OF THE SOULS 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy 6pm – Vespers 7pm – Family Glendi (CC)
19 FATHER'S DAY PENTECOST 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy	20	21 9am – Baking prep	22 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 9am – Baking (Dolmathes) 7pm-8:30pm – Choir practice	23	24	25
26 ALL SAINTS 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy	27 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	28 FAST OF THE HOLY SPOSTLES	29 SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES STS. PETER & PAUL 7pm-8:30pm – Choir practice	30		

Calendar is subject to change.

~ July 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Coffee Hour – PC	1	2
3 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8	9
10 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy	11 EUPHEMIA THE GREAT MARTYR 8am – Matins 9am - Liturgy	12 6pm – Festival meeting (Lounge)	13	14 6pm – Parish Council meeting	15 STS. JULITTA & KYRIKOS and Father's ordination anniversary 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy	16
17 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy	18	19 9am – Baking prep 7pm – Vespersal Liturgy	20 PROPHET ELIAS 9am – Baking (Koulourakia)	21	22	23
24 8am - Orthros 9:30am – Liturgy 12:15pm – Festival inventory (Kitchen)	25 7pm – Vespersal Liturgy	26 PARASKEVI OF ROME 9pm – Evening Vigil (Vespers, Matins, Liturgy)	27 PANTELEIMON THE GREAT MARTYR	28	29	30
31 8am - Orthros 9:30am - Liturgy						

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