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Message from Father Apostolos

The Gratitude Attitude



A farmer and his wife once had two sons with wildly different personalities. The eldest was a confirmed pessimist; morose, bitter, and quick to highlight the cloud while ignoring the silver lining while the younger was an optimist; joyful and naive, overlooking any storm cloud and seeing only the silver lining.

Concerned that both stood in need of correction, the parents devised a plan one Christmas to moderate their sons' outlooks. That morning, the boys were escorted to the family barns where the eldest son was presented with a magnificent stallion, bedecked in silver livery!

But the dismal boy only replied; "Thanks, Mom and Dad, now I must muck the stall and feed and water and care for this horse... my life is ruined!"

Stunned, the parents then escorted their overly exuberant younger son to the adjoining stall filled with muck and a new shovel. The boy flashed a beaming smile at his parents before diving into the stall to begin cleaning it out, exclaiming: "Oh boy, with a stall this messy there just *has* to be a pony in here somewhere!"

Our attitude in life may seem determinedly fixed like the brothers in this story, but it is possible to amend our outlook on the challenges in our lives with consistent effort. The business maxim that runs "garbage in - garbage out" surely applies here when we consider the tone of the many voices in the media and within our circle of family and friends to which we are exposed.

When we surround ourselves with negative news accounts, salacious gossip, mean and cutting remarks directed at others, it only stands to reason that our view of life will become negative and pessimistic. And like the older son, soon enough we fail to see the gift right before us!

But we do have the ability to quiet the din of shrill and petty voices around us! St. Paul wrote to the Philippians; "*whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*" (4:8)

By focusing only on our problems we tend to conflate them far beyond their actual size, eventually becoming overwhelmed by our perception of them. But when we elect to walk in gratitude and instead recall the many blessings of God in our lives we find that our problems shrink to their true proportions.

As the blessed holiday of Thanksgiving rapidly approaches and the holy season of Advent begins, it will do our hearts and minds (and our blood pressures!) a world of good to call to mind the blessings of God in our families and homes and to articulate them to one another.

For my part, I am thankful to be the pastor of this blessed community as Denise and I pray that each of us will experience a most grace-filled and joyous Thanksgiving holiday!

Fr. Apostolos Nield

Stewardship 2017

By Sandy Meris

Educate - Participate - Elevate

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

John 20:21

CHANGES TO OUR STEWARDSHIP ON-LINE GIVING PROGRAM Preparing for Stewardship 2018

Happy fall to our faithful Stewards of Holy Trinity Cathedral! The cooler fall temperatures bring in a new season of change for us – more time spent outdoors, opening the doors and windows and allowing in the cool, fresh air. This ignites a change in our households as we begin to look towards beginning to prepare for the upcoming holidays. As we begin to prepare for the end of the year, let us also consider wrapping up our 2017 Stewardship pledges. This allows us the room in our hearts and minds to begin to prepare for Stewardship 2018. Believe it or not – that is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Stewardship Sunday, December 3rd, where we will invite you to a luncheon following Liturgy and ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your Stewardship Pledge for 2018.



New changes are upon us regarding our on-line giving service. Parish Pay, the company that served as our on-line giving vehicle, has been purchased by Liturgical Publications. LPI is a stewardship communication company and their on-line giving program is called WeShare. This transaction is complete and should be seamless for our regular Parish Pay Stewards. For those of you who have already signed up with Parish Pay, there is nothing you need to do. All of your information has been securely transferred and your account will operate exactly the same with no changes whatsoever. But you will receive correspondence and emails from WeShare rather than Parish Pay.

Should you wish to make changes to your on-line account, WeShare requires a one-time security verification to provide you access. To successfully complete the verification process you will need:

- Your ParishPay User Name
- The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

And only ONE of the following:

- The email you used to register with Parish Pay
- A collection name and the specific amount donated in the last six months

Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to our new WeShare site. Please bookmark or save this link for future access.

**Stewardship Luncheon
December 3, 2017**

+REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL+

Message From the Parish Council

Connie Contes, President



The Parish Council and our entire Cathedral Community have been working diligently this fall season, making progress in so many ways. Stewardship is increasing, both in the number of parishioners and the amount of money committed by each family. With the hard work of so many people, we successfully hosted our annual Greek Festival weekend in mid-October. And at the meeting on October 29th, the Parish Assembly overwhelmingly approved the lease agreement with Little Big Minds, a Spanish Immersion Preschool, beginning January 1st, 2018.

But we still have much progress to make. We want to reduce and eliminate our mortgage debt. We need to tackle many significant maintenance and repair projects



on our aging campus. To that end, your Parish Council has undertaken the task of refreshing the Community Center so that we can better use this facility for event rentals to generate another stream of income for our community. But this effort takes money. So we are asking everyone to pitch in so we can raise donations of \$15,000 to support a simple update of the Community Center with LED lighting, repainting stucco,

replacing carpet in the lounge, repairing Terrazzo floors, and replacing draperies.

You can contribute to this project by writing your check to Holy Trinity Cathedral and noting "Community Center Refresh" in the memo line.

May our Lord continue to bless and protect us as we begin the Nativity Fast, celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, and offer our Thanksgiving for everyone and everything we have been given.

ParishPay Is Now WeShare

If you were a user of our electronic giving program ParishPay, please take note of our **NEW** platform-**WeShare Online Giving** (Liturgical Publications Inc). WeShare (LPi) acquired ParishPay earlier this year. ParishPay has transitioned to WeShare on October 9th, to ensure your information is up-to-date in WeShare please visit the website below.

Holy Trinity's WeShare Verification Website:

<https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=vufieq62>

If you are not, we invite you consider it! WeShare is a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. There is no cost to participate. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks per year or prepare 52 envelopes. Also, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this WeShare will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Thank you for your continuous support!

If you're new to online giving and would like to sign up, please sign up at

<https://holytrinityphx.churchgiving.com>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Church Office.

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY CENTER REFRESH PROJECT

After 40+ years of holding hundreds of coffee hours, luncheons, glendis, wedding and baptism receptions, meetings and makaria meals, our James A. Speros Community Center is in need of a makeover.

The purpose of this “refresh” project is to do a very basic and simple update in a few areas that will add the most impact for the fewest dollars. By completing these items, the Community will be able to continue to enjoy our Fellowship Hall and we will be able to rent it to a higher clientele and for more rental dollars, giving Holy Trinity some much needed additional income.

The items to be completed are the following:

- ✿ Update Lighting and change to LED bulbs
- ✿ Re-paint stucco
- ✿ Replace carpet in Lounge
- ✿ Repair Terrazzo floors
- ✿ Replace draperies on the north wall
- ✿ Install energy efficient window treatments on east wall of Small Hall

TOTAL COST OF COMMUNITY CENTER REFRESH PROJECT = \$15,000

And now, we are asking for your help! We are reaching out to our parishioners and asking every family to consider pitching in and making a donation toward this very important project. And the best part is, we are already on our way to our goal! We would like to thank the following for generously donating towards this project:

- ✿ Private donations from Parish Council Members (combined) - \$750
- ✿ Philoptochos - \$500 ✿ OPA - \$500 ✿ HTA - \$500
- ✿ **Total Raised to date: \$2,250**

That means we only need to raise an additional **\$12,750.**

Will you help us? Please join us in this fundraising effort! We will gladly list your family name in our running tally along with the amount of your donation. Simply write a check to: Holy Trinity Cathedral and put “Community Center Refresh” in the memo line. Please contact: Sandy Meris at: sandymeris@yahoo.com or Connie Contes at: connie.contes@gmail.com.

Music Ministry “Notes”

By Terri Alexon, Choir Director



Psalm 101:1

I will sing of Your love and justice; to You, Lord, I will sing praise.

The blessed advent season begins November 15th. Over the next few months, the children will be working on responses during the Liturgy and other hymns so that they can participate more fully in Sunday Liturgy. Also, we'll be singing traditional Christmas carols in anticipation of the annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant on December 17th.

If your child would like to participate in the youth choir, now is the time! Please “note” that our rehearsal location has **MOVED**, and is now held in the Education Building Café immediately **AFTER** Sunday School at 11:45pm until 12:15pm.

Contact Choir Director Terri Alexon at 480-233-2416 or htphxmusicdirector@gmail.com for more information.

For your continued edification, there are weekly video recordings of the Matins, Liturgy and special services posted by Joshua Pardhe on YouTube and Facebook. Subscribe and like us today!



Choir members Tina Zannis, Doree Drakos, Tiffani Bichekas, Roula Kaneris, Peter Vardalos, and Terri Alexon serve at Coffee Social after Divine Liturgy.

Other Upcoming Youth Choir Events:

December 3rd (with Cathedral Choir in loft)

November 5th (with Cathedral Choir in loft)

Altar Service



Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?

Contact Chris Francis at battersbox7@yahoo.com, David Haag at davidmhaag@yahoo.com or Deacon John Thrasher at thrasheraz@cox.net

New Catechism Series

"What Every Christian Should Know."

Every new home or commercial building requires a firm foundation if it is to stand the test of time. The Christian Faith has endured and flourished because of the bedrock doctrine upon which it was established. St. Paul encourages the first believers of Ephesus in Asia minor "But you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the saints and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone."



And our growth in the Christian Faith is predicated upon mastering the basics as St. Paul also wrote to the Ephesians; "as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming."

Join your Holy Trinity Cathedral family continuing Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00pm in the St. George Chapel for the 7-week series on "What Every Christian Should Know." Units in the series are:

- God in Three Persons
- God in Creation
- God in Redemption
- God among His People
- God in my Daily Life
- God in His eternal Kingdom
- God in the Hedges

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PHONE: (____) _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT: _____

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Godparent Sunday Brunch!!!

Enjoy the Divine Liturgy with your Godparent(s) and Family
and then have **BRUNCH** together!

- WHEN:** Sunday November 5th
Immediately following Divine Liturgy on
the Patio in the community center
- COST:** \$5.00 per person
- WHAT:** Apple Caramel French Toast
French Toast
Bacon & Sausage
Fruit
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Yogurt with all the fixings...Greek style!
Cake
Coffee/juice & Frappes made to order \$2!

Please join us for a fabulous brunch made and served by
your children's Sunday School teachers!

**There will NOT be Sunday School on this day so you can
worship with your family.

We will see you back in the classroom on November 12th!!!

Sunday School

Our school year has started off with classrooms full of your children's beautiful smiles. All of our teachers love to see those seats filled with all those special young people that God has created. Thank you for bringing sharing your children with us. Your children give their prepared lessons so much more meaning with the discussions that your children bring to the Sunday School classroom. Sunday School is like the work of the youngest members of our faith. The lessons don't have any meaning unless there is the discussion and interaction between our wonderful teachers and your wonderful children.

This year we are excited to welcome Maria Papamatheakis Lipnos and her sister Anna Roche to the Sunday School staff. They will be leading the nursery/preschool in the HTA wing. If you have a child or children under the age of 4, they can go to "their classroom" for a snack and a bible story after Communion. What a wonderful way to allow your child to become acquainted with the Sunday School building, classrooms, and mostly their peers for the years to come! It is also a great way for parents to get to know each other with younger kiddos. You can stay and be with your child or leave them in the good care of Maria and Anna. Either way, we are very blessed to have Maria and Anna join us and provide this important part of our ministry.



Before the school year even started our Youth Forum instructor, Evan Tsagaris along with our 5/6th grade teacher, John Schneider, gathered a few of our wonderful young adults to completely rehab the OPA GOYA room down by the Speros Center. The Youth Forum portion of Sunday School is grades 9-12 and they now hold class on Sundays down in the new room and hold events for OPA there as well. These young people (Evan Tsagaris, John Schneider, Matthew Walsh,

Jacky Galan, Tasso Annos, Costa Pritsos, and Laura Blazev) tore out the old carpet, scraped the glue off the floor, ground out and polished the floor, and completely repainted the walls, ceiling, and doors. New trim and baseboard was added with the help of Ari Watson and Angelo Pestrivas. They worked the entire weekend from morning until late into the night to get this room ready for the start of Sunday School. Evan found donated furniture. We are so, so blessed to have such a great group of young people to give their time and talent to our community. Stop by and take a look on any Sunday! It's a labor of love.



We started the new year with the younger grades 1-4, under the wonderful guidance of Terri Alexon, our Choir Director, learning songs in both Greek and English. The kids loved it and they performed beautifully at Coffee Hour. We are so blessed to have music become an important part of Sunday School under Terri's direction.



The older grades have begun to prepare for the annual Oratorical Festival by becoming acquainted with the topics for 2018. Discussions have begun on their essays that they will write. All the students from grades 5-12 will participate with writing an essay on a topic of their choosing. We encourage all the students to participate in the Oratorical. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about our faith and put their beliefs and knowledge into words. Our parish Oratorical will be held in March here at Holy Trinity and this year we get to host the District Oratorical as well.

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We look forward to Godparent Sunday coming up November 5th on the patio of the Speros Center. This year we decided to have brunch to enjoy together with our families. We hope to see you all there! We are all family through our beautiful faith and our Sunday School ministry looks forward to preparing this event for you every year. Just a reminder that we do not have Sunday School on Godparent Sunday so that all families can be together for the entire Divine Liturgy and then come down to the Speros Center as a family to enjoy lunch together. (And because we will be busy in the kitchen that day, instead of the classroom!)

Thank you,

Kay Ehrick and Kalli Schneider

Sunday School Directors

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Videos

For your continued edification, there are weekly video tapings of the Matins, Liturgy and special services posted by Joshua Pardhe on **YouTube** and **Facebook**. Subscribe and like us today <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityphx.org/>

Koinonia, Young Adult Book Club



Daniel A. Valenzuela
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The page offers news of our Parish Community, in addition to offering links to podcasts and videos of many of our services.

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Upcoming Wellness Ministry Event

November 2017

www.familywellnessministry.org/conferences

Assumption Church Presents...

ARIZONA BEETREAT

Saturday, December 9

9:30am
Youth (6th-12th Grade)
Parents
Youth Workers

Registration Opens Oct. 15
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Click "Be the Bee Retreat"

Led by Steve Christoforou, Director of Y2AM, and Christian Gonzalez, Young Adult Ministries Coordinator, this event is inspired by our Archdiocese's popular video series, "Be the Bee"! BeeTreats are a powerful way for youth, young adults, parents, and youth workers to come together in Christ.

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St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

A glance at the calendar shows us that November has nine days (3 X 3!) marked by icons. We know November as a time of Thanksgiving, and as the beginning of the preparations for Christmas. The time of fasting for this holy day is also known as 'Advent' which has the meaning of "come." The precise date of the introduction of the celebration is unknown, but the central idea of Advent is the "coming of Jesus" and the Revelations ends with the words "Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22: 20)

This fast, like Great Lent, lasts for forty days but doesn't have the same liturgical restrictions and strictness. Instead, it is a time for feeling more intensely our individual awareness of the grace the coming of our Lord affords us. We are reminded to ask Him to "come" to us to purify and help us as He makes Himself known to us. This should be the focus of our prayers during this time of fasting and preparing!

November Holy Days:

November 1: SS. Comas and Damianos, the Unmercenaries – these two twin brothers were early martyr physicians who treated the poor and needy for free. ("Mercenary" means motivated only by profit.) *They are also commemorated on July 1st.*

November 8: Synaxis of the Archangels, also known as the Feast of St. Michael and All the Holy Angels—Angels are pure created spirits whose purpose is to adore and reflect the Divine Beauty. They intervened with patriarchs, prophets; ministered to Jesus in the desert, in His agony and at His Resurrection; and were intimately involved in the lives of the Apostles and the beginnings of the Church. Scriptures mention only three Angels by name: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

November 9: St. Nectarios the Wonderworker – we are celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron Saint on Sunday, November 12, with Coffee Hour on the courtyard in front of the Education Building. Come and join us, please!

November 13: St. John Chrysostom – a priest and Patriarch of Constantinople, his name means "golden mouthed" because of his eloquent sermons and his liturgical reforms. It is his Divine Liturgy that is celebrated every Sunday! He is also commemorated on January 30th.

November 14: St. Philip the Apostle, and also St. Gregory Palamas – Philip (or Phillip) was the fourth Apostle chosen by Christ, and the only one with a Greek name. He probably spoke Greek. St. Gregory expounded and defended the theological doctrine of 'divine light', as in "I am the Light of the world." He is also celebrated on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

November 15: Nativity Fast begins.

November 16: St. Mathew the Apostle & Evangelist – "Matthew" comes from Hebrew, meaning 'gift of Jehovah.' He was a tax collector who became one of the Twelve Apostles and wrote the first Gospel of the New Testament.

November 21: Entry into the Temple of the Theotokos – two themes give us the spiritual meaning of the presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple. First, the holiness of Mary herself is indicated; she is as a small child devoting her life to her God. Second is a comparison of the physical Temple (made of stone) and the living Temple, a life that is holy and pure with God. It is the living Temple which sanctifies the building. Through the Theotokos, this living Temple unites each of us to Christ, as she is the instrument of the Incarnation. "Know ye not that you are the Temple of God?" (1 Cor. 3:16)

Have a very blessed month! Come visit and reflect on what you must personally do to follow Christ!

If St. Nectarios Books and Beyond can assist in any way, please contact us at:

www.stnectariosbooksandbeyond.org or patsy@stnectariosphx.org, Patsy Harris – (480) 239-5270

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests



Previously posted Desert Diamond activities are cancelled until December. Look for more information next month.

Epistle Readers

To all youth and young adults: we continue our rotation of readers of the Epistle each Sunday Liturgy! Please contact Fr. Apostolos if you would like to get involved. Even if you might be uncomfortable reading, Father and others have offered to help you prepare. This is a beautiful ministry and way to participate in the life of the Church, so please consider taking part!

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>

Sermons can also be found on the Cathedral website at www.holytrinityphx.org.

Our Church Family

40-Day Blessing

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 27:4



10/1/17

Leonidas Tsaninos,
son of Sophocles & Wendy Tsaninos
God's Blessings be upon him.

Weddings

“Oh Lord our God,
crown them with glory
and honour.”



10/28/17

John G. Thomas &
Theresa Niu
God's Blessings be upon them.

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



10/5/17

Michael Cheknas
May his memory be eternal.

Lost & Found

There are a lot of items in the Lost & Found after the Festival! Contact the Church Office for more information.



Tell Us Something Good

~ Congratulations to ~
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Christian Gilbert

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Aaron and Kyriaka Gilbert

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Greek School and Cultural Program

By Irene Dartoozos-Mackos
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Holy Trinity Greek
&
Heritage School of Phoenix



Students recreate key moments of OXI Day.



(left) Teacher Gabriella Papatzimas leads a craft in honor of OXI Day.



(right) Joanna Mackos shows the Cultural Class how to make Makaropita—a tasty pasta-filled pie.



Makaropita before and after.

Greek School Director Irene Dartoozos-Mackos offered Greek pronunciation lessons to our guests at the Original Phoenix Greek Festival.

She taught them to say, "Yiasas, thelo ena gyro, para kalo." ("Hello, I want one gyro, please.")



Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 13, 14, & 15

We wish to thank everyone who volunteered their time at the 57th annual Festival. We showcased our best to our guests and we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Numbers are still being finalized. Look for totals and more photos in the December issue.

With appreciation,

Angelo, Kristen, and Nick, 2017 OPGF Chairs



Photo by Nick Maydanis



AHEPA Chapter 219



AHEPA Chapter 219

**Happy Thanksgiving
from the
Chapter 219 Brothers!**

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Next AHEPA 219

Meeting:

Thursday

November 16,

2017

6:30pm

Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox

Cathedral

Membership Info:

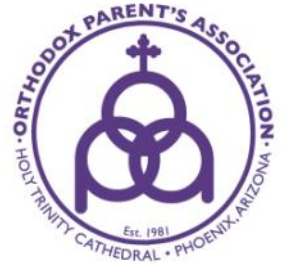
Contact

Pete Marudas

602-284-1638

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



Little Lambs Outing

October 5, 2017



Hope & Joy

October 20, 2017



Jr. GOYA, St. Mary's Food Bank Event

October 27, 2017



Photos by Cindy Kyprianou and Caroline Economopoulos

Parent's Night Out

October 20, 2017



At George's Kitchen,
16th St & Bethany Home Rd

OPA, continued

GOYA Bowling

October 21, 2017



Do you get OPA emails?

OPA communicates primarily through email via our e-newsletter. To stay informed of all of the youth, parent, and family happenings at Holy Trinity, make sure you are receiving these emailed newsletters. It's easy, just email your information to Cjecomom@gmail.com or cwkyprianou@hotmail.com and we'll get you added to the list.

GOYA Room



NEW THIS YEAR

Sr. GOYA Round Table with Evan
Wednesdays at 6pm.

Meet in the New & Improved GOYA Room.

Contact Evan at etsagaris89@gmail.com.

OPA, continued

Upcoming Little Lambs Events:

Sunday, November 5th
Play Date at Coffee Hour
(Subject to switch to the park weather pending)

Sunday, December 3rd
Play Date at Coffee Hour
(Subject to switch to the park weather pending)

Saturday, January 6th
New Years Celebration
4:00pm
at the Scopelianos' Home
1750 W San Tan Street
Chandler, AZ 85224

Mark Your Calendars!

ALL Youth Event

Friday, November 17, 2017

Be on the lookout for
more information.

OPA Board

President – Cindy Kyprianou

Vice President – Donna Manelis

Treasurer – Stephanie Papadopoulos

Recording Secretary – Denise Dye

Corresponding

Secretary – Caroline Economopoulos

FDF 2018

FDF Practice Schedule for November:

Wednesday November 3rd - 7:00pm

Sunday November 5th - 12:15pm

Wednesday November 10th - 7:00pm

Sunday November 12th - 12:15pm

Wednesday November 17th - 7:00pm

Sunday November 19th - 12:15pm

Wednesday November 22nd - Off for Thanksgiving

Sunday November 26th - (Up for discussion per group depending on travel)



PLEASE NOTE: Final FDF COMMITMENTS

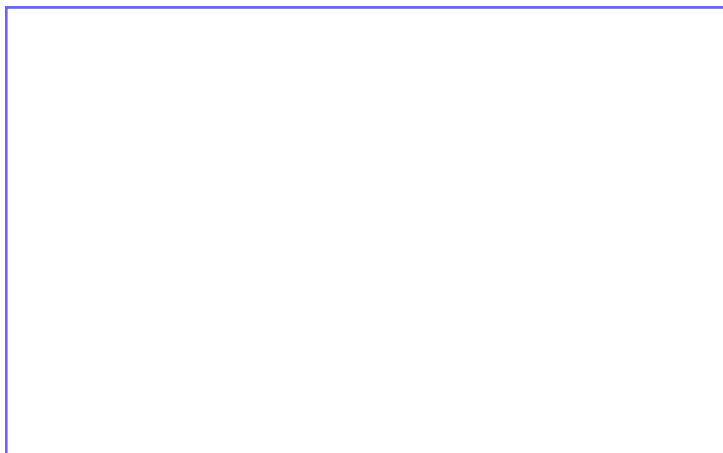
must be done by

THIS Sunday, November 5th, 2017

Any questions or concerns, please contact Niko Panagiotakopoulos:
npanos01@yahoo.com OR call/text: [\(602\) 469-2039](tel:6024692039)

Congratulatory and Happy Ads!

In each issue, Desert Springs will offer the opportunity for our community to share good news with others! Ads will be a standard 1/8" of a page (horizontal).



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 need the included photo returned to me. Yes No ____ (initial)

I am including \$20 by cash or check (checks payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral). ____ (initial)

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

Submitter's Name: _____

Submitter's Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Calendar is subject to change.