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Message from Father Apostolos

The Tracks We Leave Behind



There are very few things I miss about our years in Colorado beside the happy memories of family times spent together before our kids left the nest. And the Christmas Holidays provided ample opportunity for creating golden memories, such as those epic winter snowstorms (I do miss) that brought the city to a grinding halt. Christmas of 2005 witnessed one such blizzard that left snow drifts over the sides of homes in our neighborhood.

Fortunately, that was also the Christmas when everyone received snow shows so we were able to trek about in wonder at the mountains of snow and laugh hysterically at all the SUVs high-centered in 6' drifts! And as night fell we took to the trails behind our street under a full moon to burn another thousand calories in our snow shoes on the field of untouched snow spreading out before us.

Much of the time we give very little thought to where our footsteps take us through life since, under normal circumstances, we leave little sign of our passing. But the sight of virgin powder blanketing the landscape brought us up short as we realized that the path we blazed would be used by those who came behind us. We took care to cut a trail that closely hewed to the well worn dirt path beneath the snow which led to the paved trail a half mile distant.

As another New Year stretches out before us a similar awareness dawns on us, that the steps we choose will -for good or ill- serve as a sign to those who follow behind us, whether our children and grandchildren, friends, or others. We will leave some sign of our passage through life as surely as our wintry trek that Christmas a dozen years ago left a trail through the snow.

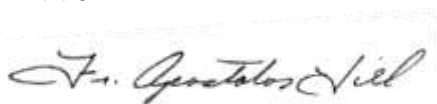
In the years since that wintry evening our children have graduated from high school and university, had military careers, married, and started their own families. And as an older man I frequently ask myself if the trail I left behind was adequate to guide them in their own trek through life. Each of us must come to grips with the same question; are we walking a straight path that leads to Life or a dark path to oblivion?

As Orthodox Christians, we are charged with the sacred responsibility to follow the trail blazed for us by Jesus Christ, leaving behind the meandering one that leads so many souls into the thickets and dark alleyways of life. Particularly as parents and grandparents, we must be mindful that little eyes ever watch us, that little ears listen intently to the careless words which so often tumble from our lips.

Sunday worship opportunities missed and frequent absences from the Eucharist will leave a mark on the souls of our children. Allowing the demands of American society to dictate to our families the priorities and rhythms of our lives will sweep aside whatever insincere assurances we utter about the "importance" of a Faith routinely set aside in pursuit of other goals.

The New Year stretches out before each of us, waiting to receive our steps and to record the story of our passing. And as with each year, we will descend into valleys of difficulty and sorrow and scale heights of joy and gladness. So let us as the Holy Trinity Cathedral family devote ourselves prayerfully to walking the path ahead holding tightly to the Good Shepherd to mark the way for those who will follow the footsteps we leave behind!

Happy New Year,



Stewardship 2017

By Sandy Meris

E ducate ~ P articipate ~ E levate

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...”
Colossians 3:23*

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we wish all of our Holy Trinity families a blessed 2018!

A wise Greek Orthodox Yiayia used to say that the first money a person gives in each new year should be to the Church. What a beautiful sentiment and example. God asks us to give our best to Him first and we can do this by giving our first donation or writing our first check of 2018 to the Church as our first payment towards Stewardship. This serves as a reminder to us that Christ and the Church come first in our lives.

Our **Stewardship 2018 Campaign** is underway! And following is some very important information as a refresher about Stewardship.

Stewardship Facts

Do you know what a "Steward in Good Standing" means? ...

A Steward in Good Standing means a parishioner has filled out a Pledge Card and made a financial contribution toward that pledge.

Did you know that Stewards must fill out a new Pledge Card EVERY SINGLE YEAR? (This is required by the Archdiocese.) And it is extremely important for you to fill out every single piece of information on that Pledge Card. That information is used by our Church Office, the priest, and the Archdiocese to keep accurate records of the faithful.

Did you know that a parishioner must be a Steward in Good Standing in order to ...

- * Run for or be elected to the Parish Council
- * Be on the board or in charge of any Church ministry
- * Vote in a Parish Assembly meeting
- * Vote in the Parish Council elections

Did you know that you can fill out your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Card online??? It's so simple, just follow these easy steps ...

- 1) Visit the Church website at: <http://www.holytrinityphx.org/>
- 2) Click on the blue **Stewardship 2018** button
- 3) Click on "Fill out your Stewardship Pledge Card Here"
- 4) Fill out ALL of the information
- 5) Choose your method of payment. Either sign up for easy, automated monthly payments with WeShare. Or order envelopes and pay with cash or check.
- 6) You did it! Thank you for your pledge!

Whether you fill out your card on line or the paper version, please, please fill out each and every item on that card. It is extremely important the church's computer system has every piece of information.

Parish Council

Connie Contes, President

To our beloved community,

I share with you my prayer for all of us as one Cathedral that God grants us peace, joy, and abundance throughout 2018 and beyond. May it be blessed!

Respectfully,

Connie Contes

Stewardship Presentation

Sandy Meris, Vice President and Stewardship Chair



2017 Parish Council Election Committee

Evan Alexon, Sheila Asala, Patsy Harris



All 11 2017

Desert Springs Covers



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<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityphx.org/>



Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas



Photos by Presvytera Denise and Caroline Economopoulos

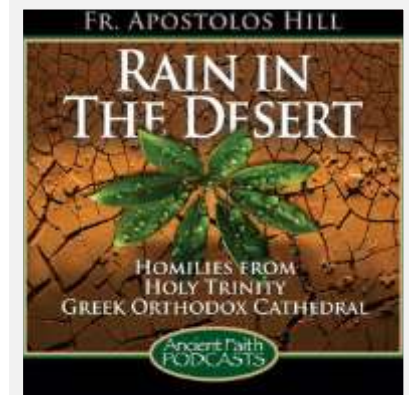


Rain In The Desert

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.



Altar Photos



Music Ministry “Notes”

By Terri Alexon, Choir Director

*My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I whom you have delivered.
Psalms 71:23*

It was another busy nativity season for our music ministry! Besides leading the carols of the Christmas Pageant, the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir was present to sing for both the Saturday and Sunday Liturgies celebrating the birth of our Lord.

During the recessional on Christmas Eve day, the choir sang a selection of Christmas carols in Greek, including "KALI ESPERAN ARHONTE" that featured a bell accompaniment by **Evan Alexon**.

It's a new year and a good time to introduce the choir's newest member, **Mary Helen Russell** (Combitsis). Direct from Erie, Pennsylvania, Mary-Helen or Maria-Eleni (she answers to both) joined the music



ministry after hearing the choir sing during our Greek Festival. Mary-Helen "notes" that she learned the responses of the Divine Liturgy at two years of age thanks to her beloved Yiayia! At the tender age of 12, she formally began singing in the choir at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Erie, Pennsylvania. Born in Munich, Germany at a military base and baptized in Greece, Mary-Helen speaks three languages (English, Greek and French) and was nurtured in the traditions and beliefs of the church with two uncles who are Greek Orthodox priests. She is a proud mother of two children and currently works as an office manager at Kredit Automation and Controls of Mesa, AZ. Having recently experienced her family home buried in an "avalanche" of snow, Mary-Helen



LOVES basking in the warmth of sunny Phoenix with her two beloved cats, Lexie and Shadow.

If you would like to be a part of the music ministry to venture deeper into learning the various Liturgical hymns, please contact Choir Director, **Terri Alexon** by telephone/text at **480-233-2416** or by email, hphxmusicdirector@gmail.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!

Answers to the **Christmas Carol** Quiz:

1. Loyal Followers Advance—O Come All Ye Faithful
2. Far Off in a Feeder—Away in a Manger
3. Righteous Darkness—Silent Night
4. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Cavaliers—God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
5. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle—Go Tell It on the Mountain
6. Query Regarding Identity of Descendants—What Child is This?
7. Delight on this Planet—Joy to the World
8. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings—Hark the Herald Angels Sing
9. Monarchial Triad—We Three Kings
10. Small Municipality of the Birthplace of Jesus—O Little Town of Bethlehem

Nativity Play

Sunday School and Choir



Altar Service

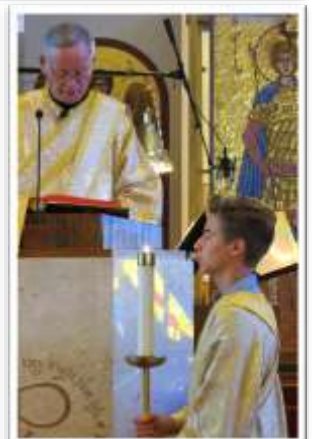
Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?

Contact:

Chris Francis at battersbox7@yahoo.com,

David Haag at davidmhaag@yahoo.com or

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Mary Louise Theodoropoulos, President

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St. Katherine faceted glass icon in the south wing of the Narthex.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Please join Philoptochos on JANUARY 7th to share in our Annual Vasilopita Cutting and Auction. Father Apostolos will be cutting the Vasilopita in the Cathedral immediately following Divine Liturgy. Philoptochos will be sharing the Vasilopitas with everyone in the Community Center following. We will hold our Silent Auction in the Community Center. The Dance Group will be holding their Soup and Salad Luncheon as well. Therefore, you will be able to enjoy two GREAT EVENTS.

This year Philoptochos will be holding its annual Valentine's Champagne Brunch early. We will have our 50/50 Raffle and wish all who attend Good Luck. The Brunch will be immediately following Divine Liturgy on January 28th in the Community Center. Bring your Valentine and have an early celebration with us.

The Philoptochos Bi-Annual Membership Tea will be held Saturday, February 3rd. Look for details in your Sunday Bulletins. **SAVE THE DATE AND COME JOIN US!**

SAVE THE DATE for the AGAPE BALL to be held on April 21st, hosted by the Various Arizona **Philoptochos Chapters to raise funds for the Kids 'n Cancer Camp held in Prescott, Arizona. This camp is held at NO COST for the families and children afflicted by Cancer. Please join us in giving these families a wonderful time to enjoy one another.**

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Alex Anagnopoulos

JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2018

We are the right hand of the Church! We would like you to know that membership to Philoptochos *IS IMPORTANT* for our community, the Archdiocese and Metropolis.

Invitation to Philoptochos:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

\$15 will be sent to the Archdiocese and \$15 to the Metropolis. **Any amount over \$30 will be retained for our chapter charities and obligations.**

Mail your membership to:

St. Katherine's Philoptochos of HTC Membership 2018, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Philoptochos December Events

December Meeting and Gift Exchange, Christmas Bake Sale, Coffee Socials



AHEPA Chapter 219



AHEPA Chapter 219

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners

(In Alphabetical Order)

- Anastasios Annos
- Matthew Dye
- Nicole Johnson
- Alyssa Lemere
- Abigail Paslidis
- Alexandra Paslidis
- David Salzetti

Next AHEPA 219

Meeting:

Thursday

January 18,

2018

6:30pm

Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox

Cathedral

James A. Speros

Community

Center

Membership Info:

Contact

Pete Marudas

602-284-1638

St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

A Blessed 2018 to All!

As we look at the words of the beautiful hymns and of the services themselves which begin the new year, **we can't help but realize the fullness of the Love our Lord and God has for us!** As we look to renew ourselves with our goals and resolutions for 2018, let us first and foremost renew our Faith in Him, and may we all be partake many times during this coming year in expressing that Love to others.

January Holy Days:

January 1—St. Basil the Great; Circumcision of the Lord: “Basil” means “kingly” and St. Basil is greatly respected in the Orthodox Church for establishing and setting rules for monasticism, formalizing the Divine Liturgy, establishing hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged.

Christ's circumcision is very rich in spiritual context, as in submitting to the law of circumcision Our Lord “... wants both to humiliate Himself in His flesh and to mark that He is the fullness and completion of the Old Covenant.” (from The Year of Grace of the Lord by a Monk of the Eastern Church)

January 6—Holy Theophany: After Pascha and Pentecost, this is the greatest Feast of our Church. **Commemorating Christ's Baptism in the Jordan, in this Feast, as the Troparion of the day tells us,” the worship of the Trinity was made manifest” with the voice of God the Father, Christ, the Son in the flesh, and the Holy Spirit in the form of the dove confirming for us Christ's Divinity and His humanity.**

January 7—St. John the Baptist: the name means “God is gracious.” There are more than fifty saints who bear this name! **St. John the Baptist was “sent to prepare the way of the Lord.” He is memorialized several times throughout the year, but especially on this the day after Holy Theophany.**

January 17—St. Anthony the Great: Although the meaning of the name is uncertain, it is generally held to mean “beyond praise.” **St. Anthony the Great (250-356) is renowned as the “Patriarch of Monastic Life.”**

January 18—Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria: Athanasios means ‘immortal.’ St. Athanasios (293-373) was a participant in the Council of Nicaea (325) and Patriarch of Alexandria. Cyril means “lordly.” **There are several Cyrils who are saints, but this Cyril is an Egyptian who was a great writer, teacher, and later Patriarch of Alexandria.**

January 25—Gregory the Theologian: The name means “watchful, vigilant.” **St. Gregory the Theologian is one of the four great doctors of the Church, who fought against paganism and heresy, became Patriarch of Constantinople and unified the Church so it could withstand all assaults.**

January 30—Three Hierarchs: These three are St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. **“Their teaching and their lives constitute very sure standards of ‘orthodoxy’ [and] ... express the Byzantine tradition at its most accessible.”** (The Year of Grace of the Lord)

Have a blessed New Year and please visit us soon!

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



Desert Diamonds Christmas Party

December 21, 2017



Holy Trinity Academy Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 21, 2017

The Desert Diamonds guests had the opportunity to watch the students rehearse their play and songs.



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Holy Trinity Academy

By Juli Pritsos

HTA will host an Open House for all prospective families on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 6pm.

Lost & Found

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



Our Church Family

Wedding
"Oh Lord our God,
crown them with glory
and honour."



12/10/17

Matthew Walsh & Jaclyn Galan
Koumbari are Rondal & Maria Burkhard
God's Blessings be upon them.



Funerals

"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

12/7/17

Mary Ann Chiros
May her memory be eternal.

12/15/17

Louis Speros
May his memory be eternal.

Bible Study

Please note!

There will be *no Bible Study* for the month of January 2018. We will resume on February 7th, at 10:00am in the Speros Community Center Lounge.

Koinonia, Young Adult Book Club

Daniel A. Valenzuela
602-228-4632
danvalenzuela15@gmail.com

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!



Photos by Presvytera Denise

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/>

<https://youtu.be/h-6GLW3udVo>

Vasilopita Cutting

Sunday, January 7, 2018

The Vasilopita will be cut in the Cathedral after Divine Liturgy. Pieces will be distributed to representatives of the various ministries. Ministry leaders are encouraged to sit in the first few rows after Communion to help facilitate the distribution of the Vasilopita pieces.

Hellenic Historical Museum

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 up to the relocation in 1973 at the present site of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Now, the Museum is looking for photos taken after 1973. That covers a lot, we know. So to start, we are looking for **group photos**, such as committee, membership, and board pictures.

Do you have any that you would like to share? The photos could be the originals—or we can accept scanned photos. Contact Bessie Hotis at bhotis@cox.net for more information.



(l to r) Homer Drakos, Pete Kallas, George Grevas and Dean Tsantillas

Tell Us Something Good

The St. Katherine Chapter of Philoptochos at Holy Trinity Cathedral wishes to acknowledge

Joanna Mackos



for leading the Baking team to create the baklava, koulourakia, and tsourekis for the Philoptochos Christmas Bake Sale.

Festival Winter Wish List

Blue and white string lights can be found at after-Christmas sales at a great price. Please consider picking up a few boxes and dropping them off in the Narthex.

Thank you!



Daughters of Penelope

Mark your calendars for the annual

Daughters of Penelope Picnic (Panigiri) on Saturday, February 24, 2018

Three and four generation family fun event.
Great food. Kite flying. Spider-Man jumper and games for the whole family.
More info to follow.

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Greek School and Cultural Program

By Irene Dartoozos-Mackos

airinie@gmail.com



Holy Trinity Greek
&
Heritage School of Phoenix



Happy New Year
from the
Greek and Heritage School
of Phoenix

Easy Vasilopita

Vasilopita
Dimitra's Greek Pastry Shop.

1 package dry yeast
3/4 cup lukewarm milk
3 beaten eggs
1 Tbs grated orange rind
3/4 cup sugar
4 1/2 cups flour
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp ground masticha or 1 tsp anise extract
1/2 cup melted butter
1 coin washed and wrapped in foil

Egg for glazing

Blanched split almonds

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup milk. Add remainder milk, eggs, orange rind and sugar. In a large mixing bowl mix flour, salt and masticha, make a well in the center. Pour in the yeast mixture and stir to blend in flour gradually adding warm melted butter.

Mix dough with hands. Knead until smooth and elastic adding remaining flour as required knead for 10 minutes. Place in a clean bowl brushed with melted butter. Turn dough over to coat top with butter.

Place plastic wrap and cover with a cloth leave to rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk. When doubled punch down and turn on to floured surface. Knead lightly and shape into a round loaf. Place on a 10 inch deep cake pan. Insert the coin cover and let it rise in a warm until doubled about 2 hours. Glaze with well beaten egg arrange almonds to denote the new year, pressing in lightly. Bake 40/45 minutes until golden brown. Cool complete on a wire rack



Dimitra's Greek Pastry Shop®



January 1—Happy Name Day to Bill, Basil, Vasiliki, Vaso, Vasos, Vasili, Vicki and other forms of “Basil”

January 7—Happy Name Day to student Joanna Mastorakos, John, Yianni, Yiannis, Ioanna, Joann and other forms of “John”

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



Youth Christmas Party with St. Nick



Photos by Presvytera Denise and Caroline Economopoulos

OPA, Continued

FDF Diakonia Blanket Project for those in need.



FDF 2018

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Dance Director



Are you ready to rock?! Two groups, with over 35 kids ranging from 4th graders to young adults, are ready to represent our beautiful church in San Francisco, California! Holy Trinity Phoenix is attending FDF this upcoming MLK, Jr Weekend for the 37th year with the theme **“Rock n Roll, Touring FDF Since 1980!”**

Please join us at our annual **Soup and Salad fundraiser** on January 7th to enjoy a great meal and cheer us on as both groups perform live in full costume! Tickets are available for \$10 with an assortment of delicious salads, fruit, and avgolemono soup!

For all those kids not attending FDF, but are missing Greek dance, please look forward to emails for Spring dance practices starting up April! If you have not been receiving emails but would like to be added to the list, please email the Greek Dance Director, Niko Panagiotakopoulos, at npanos01@yahoo.com. We encourage kids of all ages to join the dance program! Our Little Lambs Group takes on kids of any age, and our dance instructions begin in Pre-K!

All of the instructors hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

FDF Practice Schedule for January:

Wednesday, January 3: Practice 7:00pm

Friday, January 5: Dance Workshop 6:00-9:00pm

Saturday, January 6: Dance Workshop 11:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, January 7: Dance Soup & Salad Luncheon (after Divine Liturgy)

January 11th-14th: FDF 2018 in San Francisco

GOOD LUCK to all our dancers & groups!

Contact: Niko Panagiotakopoulos at npanos01@yahoo.com OR call/text to [602-469-2039](tel:602-469-2039)

Throwback Photo!

Can you name these dancers from 1978? Answer on page 20.



OPA, continued

Upcoming Little Lambs Event

THIS Saturday, January 6, 2018

New Year's Celebration

4:00pm

at the

Scopelianos' Home

1750 W San Tan Street

Chandler, AZ 85224

Please RSVP to Angela:

913-638-5991 or angelagarozzo@gmail.com

FDF Musicians

December 2, 2017



Photo by Sandy Meris

The dance group practicing for FDF with the musicians.

1978 Dancers

(l to r) Alex Poulos, Paula Glitsos, Terri Hotis, Jim Drakos, Sandy Hotis, and Valerie Drakos

OPA Board

President – Cindy Kyprianou

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Sr. GOYA Round Table with Evan

TODAY Wednesday, January 3, 2018

at 6:00pm

Meet in the New & Improved GOYA room

Any questions, please contact

Evan: etsagaris89@gmail.com

Soup & Salad Luncheon

THIS Sunday

January 7, 2018

after Divine Liturgy

Cost \$10 per person

Come SUPPORT
Holy Trinity's Dance
Program



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 cwkyprrianou@hotmail.com and we'll get you added to the list.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Coffee Hour: DANCE	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY ST. BASIL CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST 8am – Matins 9am- Liturgy	2	3 5pm-7pm – Greek School (Ed bldg.) 6pm - Sr. GOYA Youth Forum 7pm- Dance Practice	4 7pm - Philoptochos Meeting (Lounge)	5 9am - Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil & Small Blessing of the Waters 6:00pm- Youth & Young Adult Paraklesis 6:00pm-9:00pm Dance Workshop	6 HOLY THEOPHANY 8am – Matins 9am – Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of the Waters 11:00am-5:00pm Dance Workshop
7 SYNTAX OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Chiros 40 Day Memorial Vasilopita Cutting & Auction Dance Soup & Salad Luncheon	8	9 FDF Dress Rehearsal	10 6pm - HTA Board Meeting 5pm-7pm – Greek School (Ed Bldg.)	11 FDF	12 FDF	13 FDF
14 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy FDF No Sunday School	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY No HTA FDF	16	17 ST. ANTHONY 8am - Matins 9am - Divine Liturgy 5pm-7pm – Cultural Greek School (Ed Bldg.)	18 ST. ATHANASIOS & CYRIL 8am - Matins 9am - Divine Liturgy 6:00pm – PC Meeting 6pm – AHEPA (Small Hall) 6pm - HTA Open House	19 ALL Youth Friday 6:00pm- Youth & Young Adult Paraklesis	20
21 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy PC Swearing In	22	23	24 5pm-7pm – Greek School (Ed Bldg.)	25 ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN	26	27 Sweetheart Brunch Set-up
28 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE TRIODION BEGINS 8:00am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Philoptochos Sweetheart Brunch	29 Met Clergy Laity Congress	30 THREE HIERARCHS Met Clergy Laity Congress	31 5pm-7pm – Greek School (Ed Bldg.) Met Clergy Laity Congress			

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