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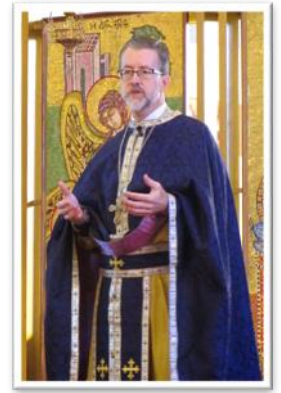
button within an article to link to an album in Google Photos to see more pictures of the events profiled on the page.

Email links, website links, Facebook links, and document links will work too, directly from this publication.

Check them out!

Message from Father Apostolos

Spiritual Influenza



To say that this flu season has been a tough one would be an understatement, a problem I knew to be chronic as I visited parishioners in our area hospitals for non flu-related medical issues. Patients were waiting in post-op for two days to find a room and others were to be found in hallways or—as one hospital employee told me—very nearly in tents outside.

Thankfully, this flu season seems to be abating somewhat and there is hope that it will soon be behind us. We can only hope that next season's vaccine is more effective than this season's! Perhaps like me, you've become quite zealous about washing your hands often, avoiding unnecessary contact with others, and disinfecting your surroundings in a bid to avoid the plague.

Physical ailments such as this nationwide flu outbreak which claimed the lives of victims young and old rightly give us cause for concern. But there are other types of ailments which may lie dormant within unwitting victims, diseases about which we seem wholly unconcerned.

Early screening for serious diseases like cancer is highly recommended. Batteries of tests are conducted to scan the body for the presence of potentially lethal abnormalities. And this self-same logic can be as accurately applied to our spiritual lives as to our physical lives.

Great Lent provides us "an annual physical" (though I suppose a more accurate term would be "an annual spiritual") as we undergo an examination through the holy mystery of confession and by attending to the well-being of our souls. The Eastern Orthodox teaching on sin equates it closely to a pathogen, a virus, a substance toxic to spiritual health and ultimately to salvation.

God's design for humanity was that we should live in union with Him and enjoy perfect health and well-being, body and soul, in a freely-chosen embrace of divine love. But the toxin called "sin" was introduced into our spiritual DNA when our first parents abandoned this embrace. And over the long ensuing generations humanity fell into so horrific a state of spiritual disease that our extinction was imminent.

When a patient is overrun by toxins and the body becomes septic, blood transfusions are often deployed to rid the body of the pathogens. Jesus Christ offered Himself to the Cross and to death so that such a transfusion could be performed in each of us, "for by His stripes we are healed." (Is. 53:5) He offers us His own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist to help us maintain our spiritual health.

And it helps to lay aside the many wrong-headed and un-Orthodox views on sin and salvation popular today. For instance, many hold to the view that sin really only involves the breaking of a commandment and the harming of a relationship but that the sinner escapes relatively unscathed. This is not the Orthodox Christian view.

Holy Scripture reminds us that *"the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23)* and *"the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:20)* We ought no more make light of un-diagnosed and untreated sin than we would cancer or an influenza pandemic. For while the lethality of untreated sin is absolute, effective treatment is readily available.

Coming to holy confession on a regular basis and maintaining healthy spiritual habits (a healthy diet in the Holy Eucharist, spiritual vitamins of Scripture readings, regular exercise of fasting and taming our passions, and the pure air of daily prayer) are as essential to the well-being of our souls as diet, exercise, vitamins, etc. are to our physical health.

Understood in this way, Great Lent is like a spiritual health spa, a clinic where the unwell can be healed and where sin-weary patients can be put on the road to recovery. I pray that before this grace-filled opportunity slips away we will commit ourselves to eradicating the pathogen of sin from our souls!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Apostolos Niel".

Desert Springs March 2018

Stewardship 2017

By Sandy Meris

Educate - Participate - Elevate

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

SPRING, LENT AND GIVING

Spring is in the air! The Lenten season bring with it a time to clean out, simplify, focus inward, refresh and prepare for Pascha. The sun begins to rise a bit earlier and set a bit later giving us longer days to relish our desert sunshine. As we feel the chill lift off from the air the sun feels brighter and warm and the flowers bloom all around us. There is an anticipation in the air for what is to come.

There seems to be excitement in the air at Holy Trinity as well. Some positive and welcome changes are upon us. For one, Little Big Minds, our new tenant, has moved in to the Education Building and the much-needed revenue flow has begun. The Community Center Refresh Project is almost complete. The interior walls have been painted, the floors have been repaired. The carpet in the lounge will soon be replaced and the lighting upgrade will be completed as well. We've pulled up the blinds and will be replacing the curtains, letting the natural light in to brighten that space. It's amazing what a fresh coat of paint and a good window cleaning will do to create a renewed sense of vibrancy and life to a 40-year-old, beloved building that has housed us and served us so well.

As we see these changes happening all around us, we hope you feel a sense of excitement and anticipation in your homes and families too. Lent is the perfect opportunity to take pause and take stock of what is truly important. And we hope and pray that if you have not already filled out your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Cards that you will prayerfully consider doing so during Lent. The Lord has given us so many beautiful gifts as mentioned above, it is impossible to repay. But we can take care of our beloved Cathedral and become Stewards of the Church.

Some very important Stewardship Facts to keep in mind:

- * Parishioners must fill out a new Pledge Card every single year. Please fill out all the information on that card as it is how we keep accurate records of our Holy Trinity families. Even if your information remains the same, a new Pledge Card must be filled out and submitted.
- * To be on a board of a Church ministry, run for the Parish Council or hold any office, you must be a "Steward in Good Standing." So what is a "Steward in Good Standing?" A parishioner who has filled out a Pledge Card and made a financial contribution toward that pledge.
- * Stewardship Goal for 2018 is \$380,000. So far, we have 184 families who have pledged \$222,242,68. We are well on our way but have a way to go!
- * Fill out your 2018 Pledge Card on line! Go to: <http://www.holytrinityphx.org/>, click on the blue "Stewardship 2018" button and click on the "Fill Out Your Pledge Card Here." Fill out your information and hit "Submit". Then, become an on-line giver through our WeShare automated payment program.
- * Can you give more? Each year we not only ask you to please fill out a new card but we also ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. If every single family increased their pledge by \$30 a month, Stewardship would cover all Holy Trinity's monthly expenses.

Let us come together this Lenten season and prepare for Pascha. We thank you for your continued support and generosity!

1st Akathist

Friday, February 23, 2018

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Metropolitan Reception

Friday, February 23, 2018



Holy Trinity Cathedral's Parish Council hosted a reception for Metropolitan Gerasimos in the Speros Center Small Hall. His Eminence went table to table, visiting with attendees.

The Altar Cloths

Why were the cloths and robes changed to purple on Forgiveness Sunday?



Purple used to be a difficult and expensive color to produce, so it became associated with royalty. The Church is dressed in this royal color while in wait in Lent for the coming of the glorious King.

Stewardship Envelopes

Please be aware that the delivery of the annual Stewardship envelopes has been delayed this year due to circumstances beyond the Office's control. They are keeping in constant communication with the printing company that provides the service. The office will send out an announcement as soon as the envelopes are available for pick up at the usual spot in the Narthex. Apologies are offered for any inconvenience this has caused.

Lost & Found

There are *a lot* of items in the Lost & Found and it's time the items are cleared out.

On **May 1, 2018** any item over one month old will be donated or sold.

Think you lost something? Contact the Church Office for more information.



Byzantine Chant Beginners' Classes

On March 3, 2018, beginners' classes in Byzantine Chant will begin its second year. Class begins at 11am and will go to 1pm *every other Saturday* morning. Students will learn Byzantine Musical Notation, the Eight Modes, and the most common hymns of Matins and Divine Liturgy. Students will also be expected to do "field work," entailing observation and participation at Sunday Matins. The goal of the classes will be to provide the area with a new generation of Cantors and to enhance our own fledgling Byzantine choir; therefore, membership should be limited to those who will actually be using their knowledge in a practical way.

If you would like to learn the art of chanting and would like to serve the Church in this capacity, please contact Father Apostolos, Cantors George Duvall or Sam Herron, or call the Cathedral Office.

Videos of Services

There are weekly video tapings of the Matins, Liturgy and special services posted by Daniel and Joshua Pardhe on **YouTube** and **Facebook**.

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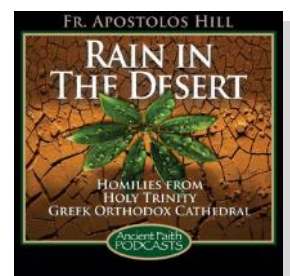
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Rain In The Desert

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.



Sunday of Orthodoxy

February 25, 2018

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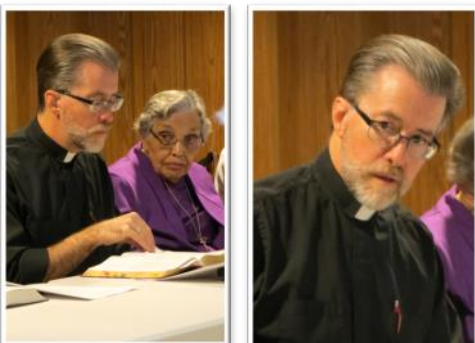


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Includes photos by Presvytera Denise

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10am
Speros Center Lounge
(unless otherwise noted)



Communion Preparation

Processions



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



Holy Trinity Academy

By Juli Pritsos

Sharing Is Caring

And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



Saturday, April 28 6:30pm to 10pm

Campus of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
1973 E. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016

RSVP by April 15, 2018

\$50 Donation Per Person

Teaching children the importance of giving is one of the most valuable character traits in a child of God. It doesn't matter if you have a lot or a little, it's the thought that counts! This year HTA is celebrating the gift of giving by sharing its proceeds with a long time HTA family – the Haugens'. Brian, father of four, has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's which has affected his family in every way imaginable.

Please join us as we celebrate the gift of giving and raise a glass to this amazing family and to Orthodox education! You will enjoy an evening of wine and micro-brew samplings paired with a specialty tasting dish and musical entertainment, as well as the opportunity to be lucky recipients of exquisite raffle items.

Raffle tickets: **\$20 each or 6 for \$100**. To purchase event and raffle tickets, or to become a sponsor of the event, please contact the school office at 602-248-3881 or email julipritsos@holytrinityacademyphx.org.



Holy Trinity Academy, continued



Photos by Juli Pritsos



"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."
-Plato

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Metropolitan Gerasimos visited the students of Holy Trinity Academy. They sang him a song and in turn His Eminence led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to student Michael Chronis.

Metropolitan Gerasimos and Local Clergy

Meetings and Lunch Hosted by Holy Trinity, Monday, February 26, 2018



Kristen Bruskas adds finishing touches to the luncheon table.

Photos by Sandy Meris

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*

The Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir is pleased to announce their annual

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

April 1, 2018

Speros Community Center

Hosted by the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir

immediately following Divine Liturgy

Lenten buffet includes:

Grilled salmon with lemon-dill sauce, pasta with marinara sauce,
green beans, salad, roll, dessert and wine

Catered by Alexi's Grill and Christo's Ristorante

~Table reservations require paid tickets~

Adults—\$25.00

Children Ages 6-12—\$12.00

To reserve tables of 10 people, contact Tina Zannis at 602-996-9297

Thanks to the Church community for its continued support!

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!

Includes photos by Presvytera Denise

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests



Thursday, March 8th, 2018, seniors, friends and invited guests will come together for a Lenten Potluck, good fellowship & a few surprises! We will be meeting in the Speros Center Small Hall at **11am**.

Plan for an enjoyable gathering!

Looking forward to seeing YOU there!

Please contact Julie at 623-313-8720 or email to juliekaroutas@gmail.com.

Please let Julie know what you will be bringing to the Potluck.

Last-minute deciders can be accommodated, so keep Julie's phone number handy!

As the new Social Director for the Desert Diamonds, contact Julie for *any* questions or comments.



Desert Diamonds

February's Lunch at Pita Jungle



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JULIE KAROUTAS

Pan-Orthodox Vespers

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

Host Parish: Sts. Peter & Paul OCA

1614 E. Monte Vista Road

Phoenix, AZ 85006

602-253-9515

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Host Parish: St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church

4436 E. McKinley Street

Phoenix, AZ 85008

602-275-7360

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

Holy Trinity Cathedral

1973 E. Maryland Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85016

602-264-4863

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2018

Host Parish: St. John the Baptist

3749 W. Behrend Drive

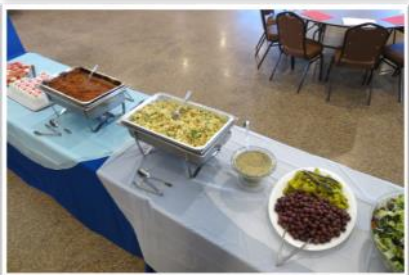
Glendale, AZ 85308

623-582-3150

Meatfare Sunday Lunch

February 11, 2018

Offered by the Parish Council and prepared by John Mitchell and his team.



Our Church Family

Baptism

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Galatians 3:27



1/2/2018

Alexandria E. Alexopoulos

Daughter of Dimitrios James & Brandi Marie Alexopoulos

Godparents: Helen Carol & Jonathan Ziegler
God's Blessings be upon her.

1/11/2018

Michael E. Scopelianos

Son of George & Angela Scopelianos

Godparents: Niko Dimkopoulos & Sophia Garozzo

Wedding

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



1/17/2018

Carlos Barreto & Stephanie Mastorakos

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.”

Psalms 23:6



1/23/2018

Charles Kakadeles

May his memory be eternal.



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 602-953-1913 for more information.



Demolition of the Church Building at
333 E. Virginia
1973

Back row in tractor (l to r): Dan Speros, George Kokalis, Father James Tavlarides
Standing (l to r): Nick Bichekas, Gust Metsopolos, George Christie, George Mallas, Edna Zeotopoulos, Zella Zannis, Paul Katsenes, Gregory Synodis, Louis Zeotopoulos, Theodore Theodoropoulos, Charles Speros



Altar door from Virginia Avenue. Door is displayed in the Historical Museum.

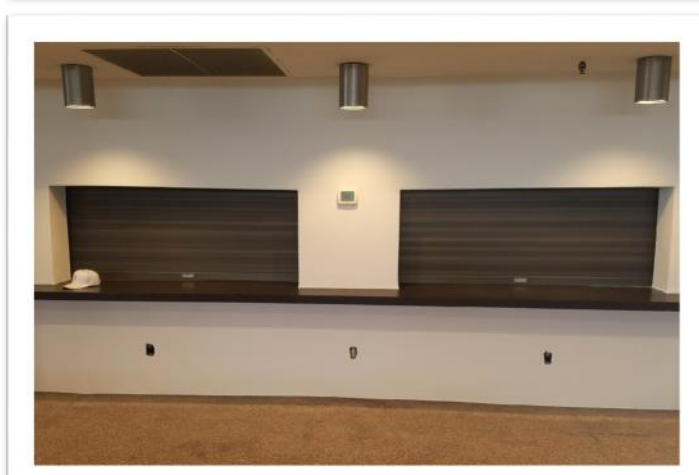
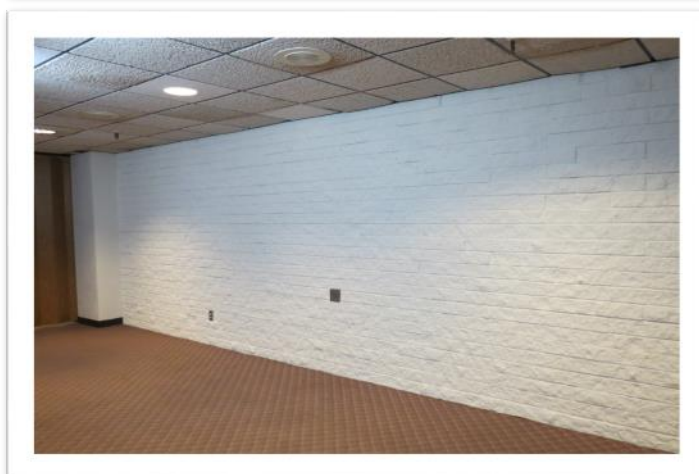
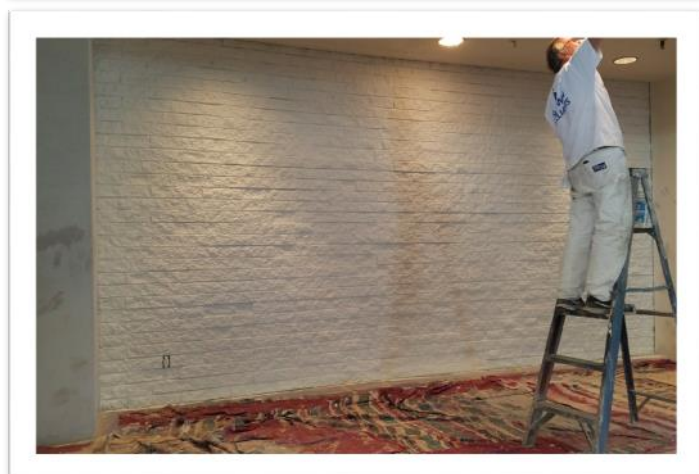
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The page offers news of our Parish Community, in addition to offering links to podcasts and videos of many of our services.

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

Your Donation Dollars At Work!

A huge thanks to all those who were able to donate to the **Speros Community Center Refresh Project**. And now, your donation dollars are hard at work. So far we have completed painting the inside of the Speros Community Center! When you join us down at the Large Hall for Coffee Hour, please take a moment to notice the fresh coat of paint on the walls. It looks great! Coming up next ... new carpet in the Lounge!



Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

"FRIENDS OF THE POOR"

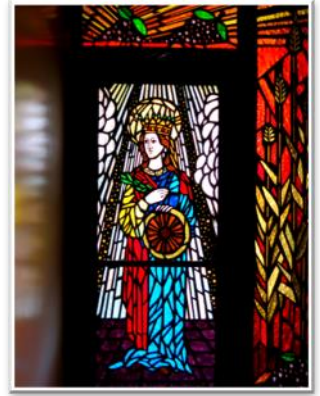
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Membership Lunch

Saturday, February 3, 2018

The Scott Resort & Spa



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

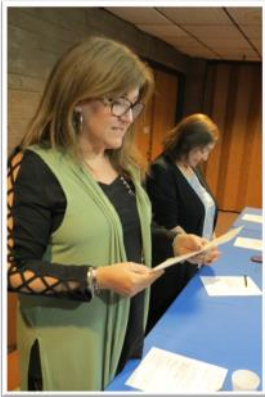


February Hostesses
Lois Sakkas and Zoe Pestrivas



Membership Lunch Chairs
Georgi Friehe, Connie Venetis, and Patty Davis

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February Prayer Reader
Pam Souvall Solomon



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

St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

Kali Saracosti!

“The time has come – the start of our spiritual contests, the victory over demons, the full armor of self-control, the angels’ dignity, the confidence before God.” (Sunday Matins 2/26/17) Great Lent is upon us! St. Nectarios Books and Beyond will make every effort to be available to you at the many services scheduled for this holy season. I am including last year’s list of Lenten offerings available in the Bookstore:

[Great Lent Journey to Pascha](#) is a highly recommended book for the entire family.

[Journey Through Great Lent](#)

[Meditations for Great Lent](#)

[The Lenten Spring](#)

[The Lenten Triodion](#)

And for the children, we have the following:

[Feasts of Christ and the Theotokos](#)

[Coloring book- Journey to Pascha](#)

[Miracle of the Red Egg \(in Greek or English\)](#)

[My Book of Holy Week/Great Lent](#)

[Path to Confession](#)

[Rejoice, Panagia: offering Children the Akathist Hymn](#)

[The Legend of the Cross](#)

[To Plant a Cross](#)

[Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church](#)

March Holy Days:

March 4th—Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas: this Saint expounded and defended the theological doctrine of “divine light.” While we honor this saint in the Matins for the day, the main theme of this second Sunday is that healing and forgiveness of sins cannot be separated.

March 11th—Sunday of Adoration of the Holy Cross: This mid-point in Great Lent sets the Cross of Christ before us to remind us of our faith and reverence for the Cross in the history of salvation while it focuses us on the Cross to come of Holy Friday. The Cross is carried on a tray with flowers around the Church to the middle of the Church, where it is on display for all to see and venerate during the service.

March 18th—Sunday of St. John Climacus: This Saint lived in the 17th century and his life realized the ideal of fasting and penitence just as we should focus on these during Great Lent especially.

March 25th—Sunday of Mary of Egypt: The feast of the Annunciation supersedes that of this fifth and final Sunday in Great Lent. The apolytikion of St. Mary of Egypt (a symbol of conversion, contrition, and austerity) is moved to the Sunday evening compline. St. Mary expresses the last most urgent call of the Church to prepare ourselves for the coming Passion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

March 25th—Annunciation: “Today is revealed the mystery that is from all eternity. The Son of God becomes the Son of Man...” The quote is from the matins on this feast, celebrating the announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to the most holy Virgin Mary, telling her of her impending motherhood. The greeting “Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee” is a declaration and reminder of the glory God has given to Mary and of our devotion to her. A second aspect of this feast is that we ourselves will be given revelations and moments when god will let us know His will. Jesus can be ‘born’ in us in the sense that our Savior takes spiritual and very real possession of our being.

Have a very blessed month!

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

Donation Requested—Fulfilled!

In February's issue, a request was made for a much-needed refrigerator for the Church Office:

Donation Requested

The Church Office has outgrown its table-top refrigerator and is looking for a small full-sized unit with a freezer compartment large enough to store a bag of ice.



Do you have a used refrigerator in decent condition to donate? Contact the Church Office for more information.

Thank you.

Wow! An offer arrived about an hour after the issue was distributed! A new refrigerator was delivered the following Monday.

"Thank you to Tracy Poulos for her recent donation of a brand new refrigerator for the Church Office to use. In addition to needed storage of ice, water, and our lunches, without this generous donation we may not have been able to pull off such a smooth and successful Clergy Synodesmos Brunch Meeting with His Eminence on Monday, February 26th. Thank you, Tracy!"

-Office Manager Diana Camacho and Front Desk Assistant Tiffani Bichekas



Koinonia, Young Adult Book Club

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

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Daughters of Penelope

Saturday, February 25, 2018




Daughters of Penelope, Helenos #432
in attendance,
Hosts of the Panigiri




Daughters of Penelope, Helenos #432,
Maids of Athena, Aphrodite #158,
and their guests

AHEPA #219



AHEPA Chapter 219



\$10,000 in Scholarship funds were awarded to the top youth of our community at the January Scholarship Luncheon. Pictured here with our Grand Benefactors - The Johnson Family

March Meeting Information

Our next meeting is:
Thursday, March 15th, 2018
6:30pm
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox
Cathedral - James A. Speros
Community Center

Interested in becoming a
member?
Contact Pete Marudas
602-284-1638

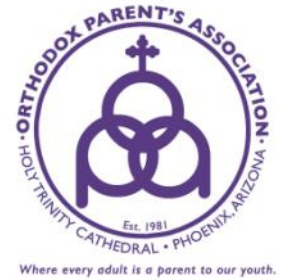
Attention all Pending Graduates: Please visit the link provided below to take advantage of AHEPA's generous National Scholarship program! The deadline is March 31st.
<https://ahepa.org/Documents/AEF-Current-Application.pdf>

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.

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



In February, our Hope & Joy children enjoyed a wonderful evening filled with pizza dinner, fun activities and most importantly they had hands on experience with Father Apostolos in making koliva and learning about “Saturday of Souls” in our Church. The Jr. & Sr. GOYA children were blessed with a great opportunity to assist the special needs children of 4 to 7-year-olds in a fun baseball game at the Miracle Leagues of Arizona ballpark in Scottsdale. The Parents Night Out



was a much smaller crowd with everyone’s busy schedule, yet we had a fun night getting to know each other better.

In March, we’re looking forward to our Lenten Retreat for All Youth and Parents on the weekend of March 23rd

& 24th. Please follow our OPA newsletter for detail schedules. We’re excited to have Mr. Christian Gonzalez as our speaker for the Family Wellness workshop in this retreat. Christian is the young adult ministries coordinator in the youth and young adult ministries (Y2AM) in our Archdiocese.



Christian’s workshop for parents on Friday evening, March 23rd, title and description: “The End of Orthodoxy: Deification in a Secular Age”. Very few would argue that we live in a secular age, but what does it mean for our age to be secular? Is this secular age responsible for the loss of young adults from our faith communities, and



does this mean the ‘end of Orthodoxy’? Christian Gonzalez explores what it might look like for the Orthodox Church to respond to the secular age by embracing the true end of Orthodoxy: the deification of man.

May we all have a blessed, peaceful and spiritual beneficial Great Lent leading us to the Bright Pascha of the Lord.



Upcoming Little Lambs Event

Sunday, March 11

For more info contact Angela at 913-638-5991 or angelagarozzo@gmail.com

Sr. GOYA Round Table

with Evan

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

at 6:00pm

Meet in the GOYA room

Any questions, please contact

Evan: etsagaris89@gmail.com

All Saints Camp

"All Saints Camp returns June 3 through 9 in beautiful Prescott, Arizona! This year, we are excited about our new venue of Whispering Pines, just minutes away from our previous location! Open to all youth entering 3rd grade to having just graduated (ages 8 to 18), this week long experience is surely one you won't want to miss!

For more information regarding registration, staff applications, or general information about our camp, please visit our website at allsaintscamparizona.org, or send us an email at info@allsaintscamparizona.org.

Follow us on Instagram (allsaintscampaz), Snapchat (allsaintscampaz), or Facebook (All Saints Camp Arizona +)!

Also, for those interested in playing a round of golf to benefit our camp, Assumption will be hosting our First Annual ASC Invitational Friday, May 11. Check-in is at 7am, and Shot-Gun Scramble at 8am. Registration is a \$100 donation before May 1, or \$125 after. Lunch will be included at 1pm, or you may attend only the luncheon for \$25. Sponsor opportunities are also available! For more information, please contact Assumption's office: office@assumptionaz.org or 480-991-3009.

See you in June!"
-Evan Tsigaris

Camp Throwbacks!

Deacon John submitted these photos from camps long ago. Can you identify anyone? Can you pick the year?



Save the Dates!
All Saints Orthodox Summer Camp
2018

Mark your calendars for
June 3rd-9th, 2018

All Saints Camp Fundraiser

May 11, 2018

1ST ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY | MAY 11, 2018

Starfire Golf Club | Scottsdale



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



8:00 AM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

7:00 am Check-In

Course located at 15500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale 85260

\$100 PER GOLFER

(If paid by May 1st | \$125 after deadline)

Includes lunch and goodie bags

Mulligan packages and raffle prize tickets will be available at the course

Bring a full foursome or we can add you to one!

AWARD LUNCHEON FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

1:00 pm at Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

(Non-golfers encouraged to attend @ \$25/person)

RSVP by MAY 1, 2018
office@assumptionaz.org | 480-991-3009



ALL SAINTS CAMP

Pledged Families as of February 20, 2018

"In everything you do, put God first; and he will guide you and crown your efforts with success."

Proverbs 3:5

2018 PLEDGED FAMILIES

AS OF 2/20/18

Thank you generous stewards; we appreciate your support.
If you have not filled out a pledge card for 2018, please pick one up in the Church Narthex or visit www.holytrinityphx.org.

Our Cathedral needs your support. Your ability to pledge and pay allows us to plan and operate the Cathedral and support our ministries.

Working together our Cathedral will thrive and prosper.



Alexon, Evan & Terri
Anest, Nikki
Angelos, Bettina
Antoniadis, John
Asala, Sheila
Balanis, Constantine & Eleni
Bard, Shannon & Elise
Beaty, Scott & Stacey
Bichekas, Dan & Vicki
Bichekas, Tiffani
Brusalis, Chris & Georgia
Bruskas, Chris & Rita
Bruskas, Kristen
Camp, Charles & Irene
Carras, Kathy
Charnas, Laurel & Schiller, Todd
Chotras, Harriet
Choukalas, Athena
Choukalas, Pete & Kim
Christakos, Theofanis & Pauline
Christie, Patricia
Contes, James & Connie

Contes, Tom
Cosmakos, Kiki
Counelis, Steven & Stacia
Dal Pan, John & Jean
Danielek, Michael & Chryss
Daniolos, Stefanos & Tiffany
Davis, Patty
Dedakas, James & Michelle
Demetropoulos, John & Mary
DeMoss, Bill
DeMoss, Charles
DeMoss, John & Marjorie
Drakos, Homer & Doree
Economopoulos, Christos & Dena
Farr, Jeff & Judy
Fernandez, Greg
Fernandez, Helen
Fisher, Mary
Forman, Zachary & Nikki
Fourlis, Athanase & Georgia
Fourlis, Ted & Andi
Fraenkel, Tim & Antonette

Frieh, Georgi
Froumis, George & Julie
Gavras, Chris & Anne
Georgelos, Demetra
Georgelos, Diana
Georgelos, Pamela
Georgiou, Thomas & Christina
Giannopoulos, John
Ginakes, Tino & Kristen
Goard, Joe & Diane
Goodman, Eva
Graham, Bill & Lynn
Graham, Gina
Haidos, Mary
Hall, Donald
Harper, Terry
Harris, Courtney & Niki
Harris, Patsy
Herron, Samuel & Christina
Hill, Father Apostolos & Presbytera Denise
Hotis, Bessie

Pledged Families, continued

Kalivas, James & Linda
Kaneris, Basile & Roula
Kantaros, Jean
Kantaros, Nick & Dena
Kapolas, William & Harriet
Karagiannis, Vasilios & Vicki
Karegeannes, Virginia
Karoutas, Julie
Karros, James & Joann
Katrakis, Leonidas & Fotini
Katsenes, Andrea
Katsenes, John & Mary
Katsenes, Paul & Lori
Katsenes, Thomas
Katsufrakis, Helen
Kavouris, Jim & Poppy
Kidd, Ronald & Virginia
Kimmell, Emily
Konstas, Michael & Andi
Kostouros, Kostadinis & Anatoli
Kratsas, Johnny & Elizabeth
Kruljac, James & JoAnne
Kyprianou, Andreas & Cindy
Laitsas, Anastasia
Lambrou, John & Angie
Lamond, Bruce & Judith
Lampos, Elias & Mary
Linaris, Mike & Lea
Lizanich, Gregory
Lourias, Efterpi
Machas, James & Stephanie
Macrodimtris, Aris & Evelyne
Makridis, Marika
Makris, Margo
Maniatis, Bette
Maniatis, Maria
Marinakos, Bill & Rina
Markakis, Douglas & Anna
Mastorakos, Leonard & Mary Lou
Melas, Stephen
Meris, Will & Sandy

Miller, Paul & Linda
Miller, Robert & Angie
Miologos, Anthony & Constance
Neumann, Matthew & Sophia
Nicely, Edna & Michas, Peter
Nicholas, John & Maria
Nickalew, Evelyn
Nicoluzakis, Anthony
Ntatsos, Angelo & Marta
Paletsos, Alexander & Else
Panagiotakopoulos, Alexi & Alexia
Papadopoulos, Bill & Soula
Papadopoulos,
George & Chrysoula
Papadopoulos,
Socrates & Stephanie
Papamatheakis, Alex & Olga
Papanikolaou, Elias
Papas, Nick
Papasprou, Spyros & Rita
Pappas, John
Pardhe, Daniel & Anna
Pestivas, Dean & Fotini
Petroulakis, Chris & Jacque
Petsas, Bill & Kathy
Philippis, Michael & TeAnn
Pickett, Brian & Athena
Pikoula, Georgia
Poulakidas, Andreas & Mary
Poulos, George & Kay
Poulos, Tracy
Pries, Panagiotos & Anthipe
Pritsos, Chris & Juli
Pyle, David & Nicole
Quinn, Bertha
Rabbitt, Lyda
Rentzis, Milton & Voula
Russell, Mary Helen
Sakkas, Lois
Sarantes, Paul
Scopelianos, George & Angela
Sedlacek, George & Diane

Seretis, Chris & Terry
Sgouros, George & Traci
Sgouros, John & Jean
Skedros, Gregory
Skintzis, George & Evi
Skoubis, Elias & Phyllis
Smirniotis, John & Toni
Solomon, Jim & Pam
Sowers, Carol
Spanos, Angelo & Marie
Staikos, Elias & Theodora
Stamadianos, Jim & Kathryn
Stamatis, Andrew & Christine
Stamatis, Jonathan & Kristine
Theotocatos, Chris & Paula
Thomas, Jim G.
Thomas, John & Teresa
Thrasher, Father Deacon John &
Diakonissa Mary
Tropea, Thaddeus & Katherine
Tsantilas, Dean & Stella
Tseunis, Christine
Tzavaras, Costa & Koko
Vardalos, Peter & Lindsay
Vasquez, Argyro
Venetis, Adam & Leah
Venetis, George & Connie
Venetis, Stephanie
Veremis, Dorothy
Vlahos, Peter & Maria
Vlahoulis, Andrew & Sandy
Wallerich, Catherine
Walsh, Colin & Paula
Wood, Richard & Katina
Zafirakis, George & Niki
Zaman, Anthony & Karen
Zannis, Dimitri & Eugenia
Zannis, George & Katherine
Zannis, Zella
Zistatsis, Michael & Christina
Zoukis, Ann

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).



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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.

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

Submitter's Name: _____

Submitter's Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Coffee Hour – GREEK SCHOOL	1 3pm – Security Meeting (Conference Room) 7pm – Philoptochos meeting (Lounge)	2 7pm – 2 nd Akathist (Cathedral) 8pm - Catechism	3 11am - Byzantine Chant Class (Conference Room)
4 SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS 8am - Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Skoubes Memorial Manelis Memorial Shrimp Fest 6pm - Pan-Orthodox Vespers (Sts. Peter & Paul OCA)	5 6pm – Compline (Chapel)	6 4pm – Museum Meeting (Large Hall)	7 10am – Bible Study (Lounge) 5pm-7pm – Greek School 5:30pm – 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 6pm - Sr. GOYA Youth Forum 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice 8pm-OCF (ASU)	8 10am - Desert Diamonds Lenten Potluck (Large Hall) 6pm – PC meeting (Conference room)	9 7pm – 3 rd Akathist (Cathedral) 8pm - Catechism	10
11 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Evenia Demakes 6pm - Pan-Orthodox Vespers (St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church)	12 6pm – Compline (Chapel)	13 6:30pm -HTA Board Meeting	14 10am – Bible Study (Lounge) 5pm-7pm – Greek School 5:30pm – 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice 8pm-OCF (ASU)	15 6pm – AHEPA (Small Hall)	16 7pm – 4 th Akathist (Cathedral) 8pm - Catechism	17
18 SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Miaoulis 40 Day Blessing 6pm - Pan-Orthodox Vespers (Holy Trinity)	19 No HTA 3:30pm – LBM Fire Drill 6pm – Compline (Chapel)	20 No HTA	21 No HTA 10am – Bible Study (Lounge) 5pm-7pm – Cultural Greek School (CC Kitchen) 5:30pm - 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice 8pm-OCF (ASU)	22 No HTA	23 No HTA 6pm – Jr. & Sr. GOYA Lenten Retreat & Parent Workshop 7pm – 5 th Akathist (Cathedral)	24 9am – Hope & Joy Lenten Retreat 6:00pm - Great Vespers of the Annunciation
25 ANNUNCIATION 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Greek School Luncheon/25 th of March Performance 6pm - Pan-Orthodox Vespers (St. John the Baptist)	26 6pm – Compline (Chapel)	27	28 10am - Bible Study (Lounge) 9am - Baking for Palm Sunday 5pm-7pm – Greek School 5:30pm - 9 th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice 8pm-OCF (ASU)	29 9am - Baking for Palm Sunday	30	31 LAZARUS SATURDAY 8am – Matins 9:00am – Liturgy Sunday School Pancake Breakfast/ Palm Crosses Philoptochos Red Eggs

Calendar is subject to change.