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# Message from Father Apostolos

## Of Philotimo, Philoxenia & Festivals



One day in a popular restaurant in a European Capital, a group of diners arrived for a business lunch; all arriving precisely on time and in an orderly fashion. Table talk was light, perhaps even stiff, and the meal ended earlier than planned with each diner artfully jockeying for the exit so as not to be stuck with the bill.

Arriving a bit later, a group of Greek diners began trickling into the same restaurant, later than their scheduled reservation, and joyfully boisterous. Backs were slapped, cheeks were kissed, congratulations were offered, and the meal stretched well into the afternoon. When the bill was finally presented pandemonium ensued and voices were raised as each man present fought over who would have the *honor* of picking up the bill.

Year after year, I am amazed at how consistently our Festival patrons appear, eager to celebrate with us. One might suppose that after a handful of years experiencing the same presentation their interest might wane. Certainly, these days Greek fare is available throughout the city in Greek restaurants and gyro meat can even be found in the local Costco or Sam's Club freezer section.

This is not to denigrate the scrumptious foods and baked goods hand crafted by the faithful hands of our Cathedral volunteers. But there is something deeper, I believe, which draws our friends and neighbors to us every October. For aside from the delicious food we take for granted – and one must feel pity for those who have yet to discover Greek food – we possess a very great treasure.

Community!

And one hallmark of our Greek Orthodox Christian community is "*Philotimo*," which means "love of honor." The Greek restaurant patrons described above, reared with *philotimo*, considered it an honor to be the one to pick up the bill. We had a huge issue with portion control in my last Cathedral parish's annual festival as our booth workers, imbued with *philotimo*, sought to outdo one another in their generosity. By the time I had eaten enough gyro meat to be able to close the pita, I was already stuffed!

The other hallmark of our Greek Orthodox Christian community is "*Philoxenia*," the exact opposite of the *xenophobia* we witness driving such wedges and sowing division between would-be friends. *Philoxenia* means "love of strangers" and appears in such New Testament passages as Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2, 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8 and in many other places. To embrace the stranger with the love of God lies at the very heart of the Gospel message.

I have learned to watch very carefully with what wonderment and longing our Festival patrons witness the easy banter and herculean efforts we tirelessly and yet joyfully make to provide them with a memorable experience. It may be easy for those of us who have found a home at Holy Trinity to underestimate how rare a thing it is to belong to a family of Faith. Our world has become a very lonely and divisive place, driven by chasms of race, creed, and politics.

Whether we know it or not, it is not only our Greek American culture which is on display at our annual festival, but our Orthodox Christian unity as well. In simple acts as the hearty smile and a joyous "Opa!" as the saganaki leaps into flame, the love of Christ is being shared.

This year we are being more intentional in our outreach to those of our Festival patrons who express a desire to learn more about Holy Orthodoxy. But whether in a tour of the Cathedral or at our food booths, the "hook" is baited and the healing mercy of Jesus is applied. May our Festival be blessed by God this year, not only to fill hungry bellies with the best Greek food in the state but to fill hearts with the love of God and the hope that is available to everyone in the unity of our Faith!

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# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

## OUR FESTIVAL: A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF STEWARDSHIP

Around Holy Trinity Cathedral, October is “Festival month” where we get consumed with planning and executing our very successful Festival, which also happens to be the largest single fundraiser for our Cathedral.

But the Festival is so much more than just a fundraiser. It brings us all together in camaraderie, as we work for a common goal. Side-by-side we sit in planning meetings, signing up for shifts, working our booths. In the trenches when it gets busy and food lines snake around, and in laughter and bonding during the slower times. There is something magical that happens when our parishioners come together, use our gifts and talents, to work hard and achieve something we can be proud of.

The Festival also provides an opportunity for us to share our rich culture with the entire community, friends and neighbors. We invite our friends, introduce them to their first taste of roasted lamb, bring them to watch our beautiful dancers perform in authentic costumes to beautiful traditional live music. We are proud to share our culture!

And when our youth participates in the dance program, performing for the Festival, it is their way of giving back to the church. Dozens of hours of practice, working together to give a memorable performance for the audience to enjoy. It is rare today that kids voluntarily spend their spare time participating in something like cultural folk dance, when they could be hanging out with friends or participating in yet another extracurricular activity. We should be so proud that these kids have such a strong connection to their church and their heritage.

The Festival also gives people the opportunity to take a tour of our beautiful Cathedral, perhaps introducing them to Orthodoxy for the first time. The vibrant colors of the faceted glass, the ornate iconography, and intricate carvings of the altar are breathtaking to those seeing it for the first time. This may unlock something within a new visitor that peaks a curiosity and encourages them to investigate Holy Trinity and Orthodoxy further.

Clearly, the Festival is so much more than just a fundraiser. It is a shining example of the definition of stewardship, which is: *the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.*

So, when you sign up to work a shift, remember that this too, is a part of your stewardship to Holy Trinity and that you are a part of something very special.

Wishing us all a joyous, successful and beautiful 2019 Festival! **OPA!**



# MINISTRY SUNDAY

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee

MINISTRY SUNDAY  
Sunday, September 8th



Great turnout!  
Thanks, everyone!

## 2019 Corporate Sponsors for the Phoenix Greek Festival

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# One Spirit+One Vision

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*OS+OV, the foundation of our ongoing building fund program.*

We are very thankful for those 248 individuals and families in our community who have come forward to build our beautiful Educational and Cultural Center. These generous donors have pledged \$3,302,379 of which \$3,031,676 has been paid to date. The monies contributed to OS+OV are used to pay down our remaining \$576,842 building loan. Paying down the bank loan reduces the financial burden we would pass on to future generations.

Please consider initiating, or if you are already a donor, increasing your existing pledge to this program. In addition to the typical monetary gifts, we have received gifts in the form of stocks and real property. By donating assets held more than a year and worth more than their original cost, you can avoid paying capital gain taxes. Parishioners over the age of 70 ½ have a special tax advantage, their IRA mandatory distribution may be given directly to Holy Trinity, to avoid income tax on that distribution, (Consult your tax advisor).

Holy Trinity parishioners have for years expressed their Love for God through his Church, by, among other things, their financial sacrifices. Please join with those who have put their legacy in Holy Trinity Cathedral's past accomplishments and witness the Joy of giving. Help us reduce, and ultimately eliminate the bank loan by giving to OS+OV, with your donation of cash, stocks, or real estate.

If you can give above and beyond your annual Stewardship pledge, please call: the Church office @ 602-264-7863 for information about the One Spirit + One Vision (OS+OV) program.

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## From Father Regarding Scam Texts (and Now Emails Too)

Good afternoon, dear ones!

Some of you may have received texts messages from someone attempting to pass themselves off as me. Why anyone would wish to do this beggars belief!

The texts, though bearing my name, are NOT from me. Instead, the misguided souls behind these missives ask the recipients to help me help someone else in trouble by purchasing \$500.00 Google Play Cards. Yeah, I know... ridiculous!

And though I know you know this, please bear in mind that I will never text anyone for such contributions. And I am not "too busy" to assist needy souls myself as the rib-splitting text message state.

Our beautiful community very generously supplies for the needs of others through our Cathedral Benevolent Account and not through Google Play cards. But should you be aware of anyone in our parish who has been so contacted and who may be confused, please relay this disavowal from me to them.

Finally, there are numerous websites available which delineate the many text and cell phone scans in play. When in doubt, hang up or delete!

Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean

# Friends of the Festival

Click here to donate to Friends of the Festival online:

<https://holytrinityphx.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/FriendsoftheFestival>

## FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL



We need *your* help to make the 2019 Greater Phoenix Greek Festival a *profitable* success. All donations, big and small make a **HUGE** difference!!

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| ▪ Platinum | \$1,000 or more | Silver | \$250 or more |
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All Friends of the Festival receive recognition in our weekly bulletin and Festival Program. In addition, the Platinum and Gold sponsors also receive special recognition in a banner on display at the festival. **To participate, please follow these three steps:**

1. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral with a notation in the memo section for the donation to FOF, and include this completed form.
2. Mail the check payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Attn: FOF at 1973 E. Maryland Ave, Phoenix, Arizona 85016.
3. Indicate below how you would like your name listed (donation may also be anonymous);

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If you would like to spread the word about available corporate donations/sponsorships, please ask Thanasi or Alexi to email you a pitch deck to share with your contacts. You would be surprised that friends and colleagues who have been long time patrons of the festival would happily donate \$100 if you ask them!

Thank you for your donation. See you at the festival on October 11th, 12th and 13th. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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\*Donations must be made by September 31, 2019, for recognition on the banner.

# Friends of the Festival

## FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL 2019



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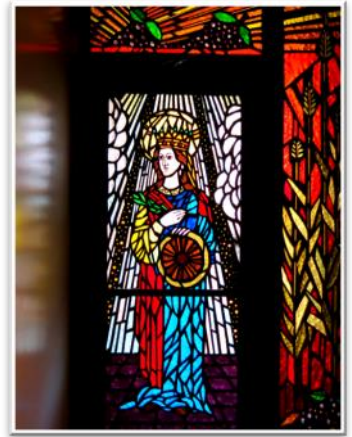
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!**



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President



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



September's meeting was well-attended!

Thank you to September's Hostesses  
Mary Louise Theodoropoulos and  
Alex Anagnopoulos



## Circle of Angels

Please let Philoptochos' **Circle of Angels** know of any parishioners who are ill, recovering, scheduled for surgery, recently moved to assisted living, or are homebound.

Contact Mary Poulakidas at 602-349-6466 or Lois Sakkas at 602-717-9097.



## JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2019

**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.

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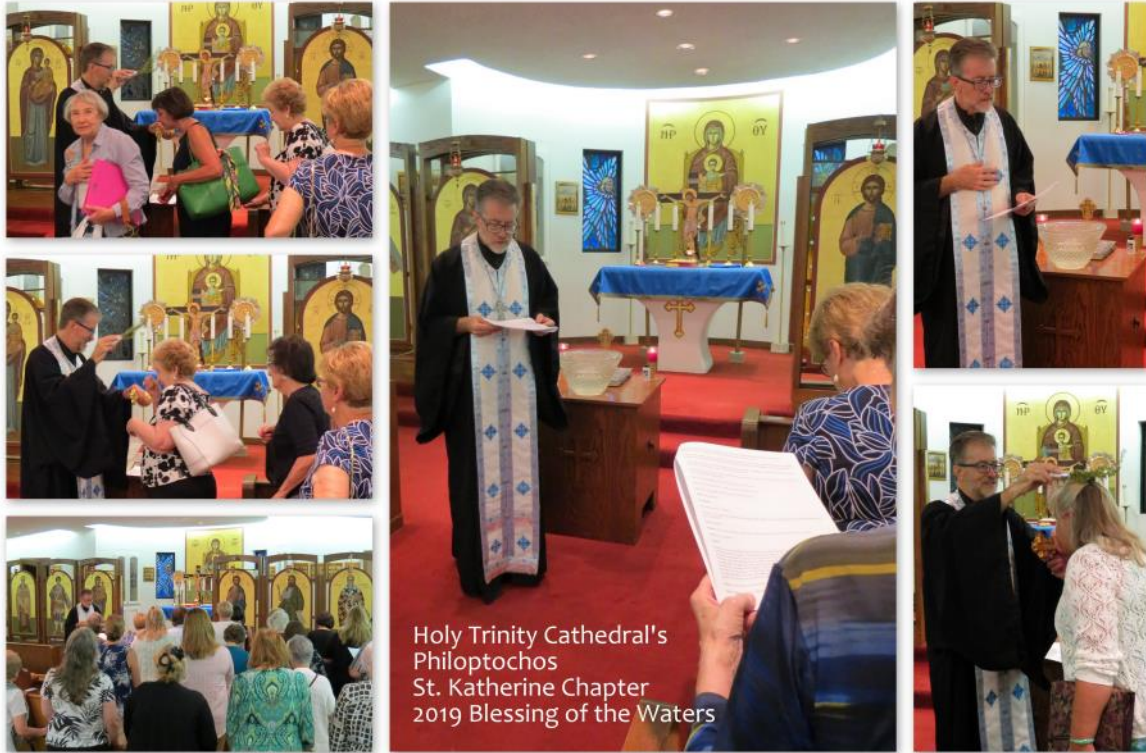
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# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

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**JOIN & ENRICH YOUR LIFE!**



# Baby Shower hosted by OPA, Philoptochos, & Daughters of Penelope

Saturday, September 7, 2019



# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Rita Papaspyrou

The month of October is rich in liturgical events; St. Luke, the Holy Apostle and Evangelist (October 18), St. Demetrius, the Myrrhstreamer (October 26), the Great Earthquake of Constantinople (October 26), and OXI Day (October 28).

**St. Luke** was a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, Saint Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3).



Luke accompanied Saint Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, Saint Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits Saint Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. Saint Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), Saint Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

In Saint Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

**St. Demetrius** was a native of Thessalonica, born of noble parents. His wisdom and distinction in battle earned him rapid advancement in the service of the Empire: in time he was appointed commander of all the Roman forces in Thessaly, and Proconsul of Hellas.

The main tasks of this young commander were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The emperor Maximian's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply, "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrius he had provided a way for him to lead many people to Christ.

Accepting the appointment, Demetrius returned to Thessalonica and immediately confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and idolatry.

When the emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrius, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian gave orders to lock

up the confessor in prison. An angel appeared to him, comforting and encouraging him.



When the emperor came to Thessalonica he appointed games and public sacrifices to celebrate his recent victory over the Scythians. Maximian had brought with him a huge barbarian of tremendous strength named Lyaaios, who fought many men in the arena and defeated them all, to the entertainment of the Emperor and the crowds.

A young Christian named Nestor determined to show the people that the only true strength is in Christ visited Demetrius in his cell and asked for his blessing to challenge Lyaaios to combat. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross over Nestor and sent him to the arena with his blessing. Nestor, a young boy, cried out before the Emperor 'God of Demetrius, help me!' and quickly killed the mighty Lyaaios, to the astonishment of the crowd. The infuriated Emperor had Nestor slain with his own sword, and sent soldiers to Demetrius' cell, where they killed him with their spears. Demetrius' servant, a believer named Lupus, retrieved the body of Demetrius and buried it with honor. He kept the Saint's ring and blood-stained tunic, and through them worked several miracles and healings. When the Emperor heard of this, he had Lupus, too, beheaded.

During the reign of Saint Constantine (306-337), a church was built over the grave of Saint Demetrius. A hundred years later, during the construction of a majestic new church on the old spot, the incorrupt relics of the holy martyr were uncovered. Since the seventh century a miraculous flow of fragrant myrrh, healing many of the sick, has been found beneath the crypt of the Great Martyr Demetrius, so he is called "the Myrrh-gusher."

Several times, those venerating the holy wonderworker tried to bring his holy relics, or a part of them, to Constantinople. Invariably, Saint Demetrius made it clear that he would not permit anyone to remove even a portion of his relics.

For many centuries, St Demetrius has been a patron Saint of Thessalonica.

## Children's Sermon

September 29, 2019



Photos by Presvytera Denise

# Holy Trinity Academy

## What Is A High Quality Preschool Program?

By Juli Pritsos

Finn and Oliver build a Ferris wheel using building materials, while Olivia, Gwen and Elliot are preparing nutritious meals for their babies; others are in the art center and the remainder are at the sensory table scooping dried beans and peas.

These preschoolers are having fun and learning a lot through play. Children who succeed in school and in life know how to find solutions to problems. They can communicate and work well with others. They are curious, creative thinkers, and they continue to learn and adapt. High-quality preschool programs help your preschooler build these skills.

While no two preschools look or feel exactly the same, all high-quality programs have some things in common.

Teachers in high-quality programs build on what your child already knows and can do. They provide materials and experiences that are challenging, but that children can do with a little help using developmentally appropriate practice (DAP). Developmentally

appropriate practice means using materials and teaching based on each child's age and stage of development; helping each child meet goals that are just right for them; and valuing and including each child's family, language, and culture.

## How Preschoolers Develop and Learn

**1. By interacting with caring adults.** Teachers help your child feel secure and important every day. They listen to your child and get to know him well. When children feel safe and cared for, they grow in all areas of development.

**2. Through active, hands-on, "minds-on" play and learning.** As your preschooler plays, experiments, and interacts with children and caring adults, a lot of learning happens. She develops skills that will help her think, question, and explore.

**3. By connecting new ideas and skills to what they already know and can do.** All of us learn best when

we can link new information to what we already know. Teachers help preschoolers do this to build knowledge and connect learning to what interests your child, like dinosaurs or trains!

**4. By exploring and making sense of their world.** As your child explores with various materials, he comes up with ideas about why things happen and tests them out. Teachers help make sense of his experiences by asking him to explain his thinking, encouraging him to try something different, and adding small challenges.

**5. Through teacher-guided learning.** Teachers plan small- and large-group experiences that stretch children's learning. Some strategies they use during these times include:

- Giving opportunities to practice new skills
  - Offering choices to become more independent and take responsibility for their learning
  - Asking open ended questions
  - Giving hints and time to find their own solutions
- Providing information and directions



- Adding challenges when children are ready
  - Commenting on what children are doing to call attention to their efforts, not just their accomplishments
  - Encouraging your child to keep trying
- Teachers think carefully about when, how, and where to help children learn and they use every moment as learning opportunities such as

during mealtimes, cleanup, and outdoor playtime. Using what they know about your child, teachers set goals for her. They keep track of her learning so they know what she's ready to learn next.

At HTA our program and teachers meet this high quality criteria, not to mention teaching art, music and daily Orthodox and Greek language lessons. As the enrollment season rapidly approaches we hope that you consider making HTA your school of choice. After all your child deserves the highest quality programs and teachers available!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**HTA Open House – October 12 and 13 during the Greek Festival**

**HTA Early Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year – November 4**

**HTA Christmas Pageant – December 19**

For more information please call 602-248-3881 or email [julipritsos@holytrinityacademyphx.org](mailto:julipritsos@holytrinityacademyphx.org).

# 1st Day of Sunday School Children's Communion

September 8, 2019



## Sunday School



Three of the 2019-2020 Holy Trinity Cathedral Sunday School classes.



# Mark Your Calendars

## INQUIRERS CLASS

On Mondays at 7:00pm, an Inquirers Class is being held for those looking to join Holy Trinity, those simply interested in the Orthodox Church or parishioners wanting to engage more with their faith.



## ORTHODOX COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) ministry on the ASU campus meets every Tuesday evening at 6:00pm at the Christian Center on 19th & Mill. Contact Fr. Apostolos or Alexander for more info.



## BEATITUDES BIBLE STUDY

Our parish Bible Study examining the Beatitudes meets every Friday at 10:00am through 10/4. After a Festival break, classes will revert to Tuesday mornings on 11/5 at 10:00am and run through 11/26.



**Daughters of Penelope Picnic**

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**  
1973 EAST MARYLAND AVE. PHOENIX, AZ

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019**  
**3:00PM-8:00PM**

*Menu*  
Chicken, Potato Salad, Nacho Bar, Corn, Sundaes & Fruit  
No Host - Beer, Wine, Soda & Frappe Bar

**\$20 ADULTS • \$10 CHILDREN 4-10 • \$10 MAIDS & SONS**

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**Saturday, October 26, 2019**  
6:00 p.m. Reception • 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Entertainment and Program  
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Sponsorship packages ranging from \$2,500 - \$25,000.  
Individual tickets \$75 each, \$45 for youth ages 18 and under.

*The favor of an RSVP is requested online by October 11, 2019.*  
For more information, please contact 415-753-3075 or metropolis@sanfran.goarch.org.

 ATTIRE: SEMI FORMAL  
[www.sanfran.goarch.org/events](http://www.sanfran.goarch.org/events)

# Music Ministry

by Terri Alexon, Director



*Worship the Lord with gladness, come before Him with joyful songs.*  
Psalm 100-2

On Saturday, September 21st, four Cathedral Choir members and a few Holy Trinity parishioners attended the "One Day, One Hymn, One Church" music workshop organized by the **Orthodox Christian Choral Fellowship (OCCF)**.

This fall event was hosted by Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Scottsdale. Fr. Michael Pallad from St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Peoria conducted his new choral arrangement of "Christ is Born! Glorify Him!" Kristen Bruskas, Director of Development and Communication for the San Francisco Greek Orthodox Diocese, directed one of the sectional rehearsals

From the perspective of Deaconess Mary Thrasher, who attended with her granddaughter, Grace Wombacher, she said, "It was truly enjoyable and a day well spent. To have fellowship, to work together to produce a beautiful hymn about our Lord, and to be with others from all the Orthodox churches was a blessing to all of us."

The next OCCF workshop is scheduled for **March 14, 2020**. Visit [www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org) for more information as well as the opportunity to listen to recordings from previous events.

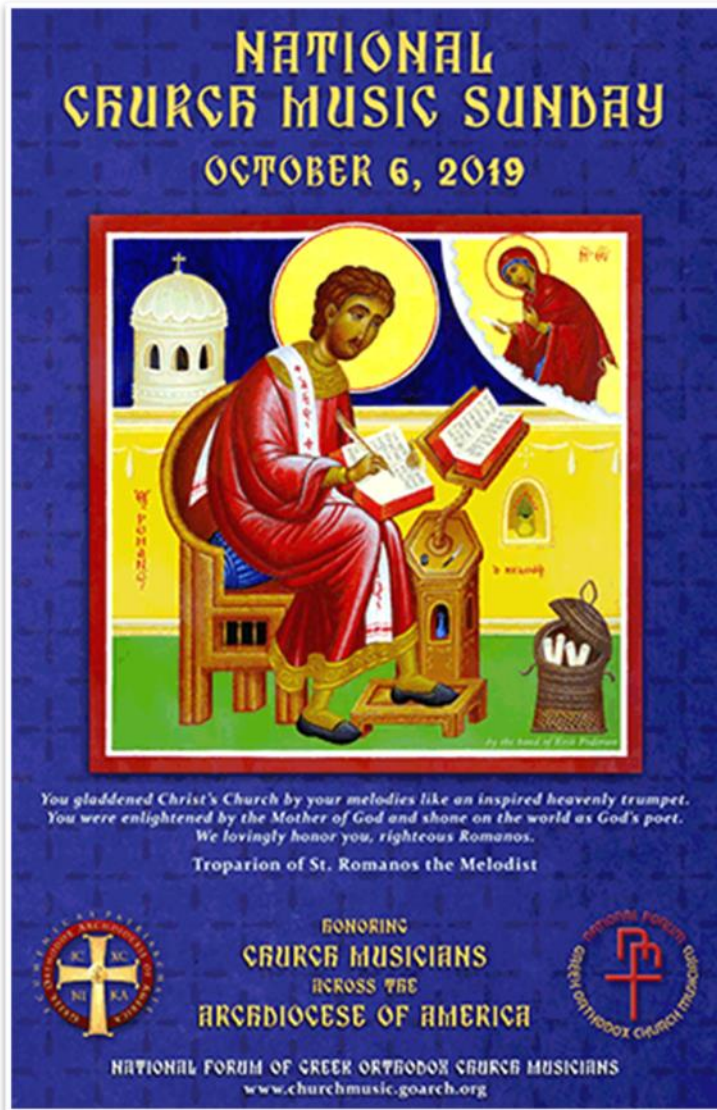


In honor of Church Musician Sunday on October 7, a special offering tray will be passed to benefit the music ministry needs of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir.





# Music Ministry



# National Church Music Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday in October, parishes across America celebrate National Church Music Sunday. This is a day we set aside to honor the contributions of clergy, chanters, choir directors, choir members, and other musicians, educators, and composers who serve or who have served in a parish music ministry. This commemoration was inaugurated in 1982 by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, and had been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios.

In honor of Church Musician Sunday, a special offering tray will be passed to benefit the music ministry needs of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir.

Immediately following Divine Liturgy, parishioners are invited to take a brief tour of the remodeled choir loft. The Choir is also hosting refreshments during Coffee Hour in the Speros Community Center. Thank you for your love and encouragement for the music ministry throughout the year!



# Outreach Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Continued focus on Outreach at HTC. We want to make sure we are reaching those who are curious about Orthodoxy, newly Orthodox, and already Orthodox with all we have to offer. What would help YOU? Let us know your thoughts. Add a short note below, use our contact form on the home page of [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org), or reach out to Father or Alexander.

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## OCTOBER 11-13, 2019

GREEK FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING & MORE

FRIDAY, OCT 11  
5pm - 10pm

SATURDAY, OCT 12  
11am - 10pm

SUNDAY, OCT 13  
11am - 8pm

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1973 E. Maryland, Phoenix

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#### ADMISSION

\$5.00 - for an entire day of fun

Children under 12 free

Seniors over 60:

FREE Saturday from

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\*No pets permitted (service dogs excluded)

#### PARKING

Free Parking at  
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Shuttles every 15 minutes

\$5.00 to park in  
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# Festival Updates

By Sandy Meris

**OUR FESTIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!  
GET READY AND GET INVOLVED!**

The Festival will be here before we know it and its hard to believe that this will be our 59th annual! Big things to come next year for our big 60th Anniversary!



For now, here is what you can do to help our Festival continue to be the biggest, best Greek Festival this side of the Grand Canyon!

**1) Sign up to VOLUNTEER!** Beginning September 15th, you can sign up during Coffee Hour to volunteer at a booth. Consider helping in the food lines, kitchen, church tours, or parking lot attendant, just to name a few!

**2) Mark Your Calendars! October 5th from 8:00am - noon. Set Up!** There are plenty of jobs both small and large that need to be done, so there is something for everyone of every skill level. The more volunteers we have on these Saturdays, the fewer workers we need to hire. Remember that *....many hands make light work!*

**3) Parking Passes!** The Festival Committee has made a change this year....colored parking passes will be distributed to the volunteers. Booth leaders will give their volunteers a different colored parking pass for each day they volunteer. We ask for everyone's cooperation in helping us get the volunteer parking passes under control.

## BECOME A FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER

If you worked the Festival last year, please contact that booth's chairman if you want to work there again. Or you can sign up during Coffee Hour at the Volunteer table with Donna Manelis or Thad Tropea.



# 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!

## September Readers



Includes photos by Presvytera Denise

# Grant Writer Needed

We might have an opportunity for a grant for Cathedral improvements. If you have grant writing experience we would enjoy discussing this with you. Contact Diana in the Church office at 602-264-7863 or Paul Katsenes at [pkatsenes@cox.net](mailto:pkatsenes@cox.net) or call 602-421-7200.



# Coffee Hour

Thank you to **OPA** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in September.  
The October Coffee Hours will be sponsored by **Choir**.



# Altar Service

Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?

Contact:  
Chris Francis at [battersbox7@yahoo.com](mailto:battersbox7@yahoo.com),  
David Haag at [davidmhaag@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmhaag@yahoo.com) or  
Deacon John Thrasher at [thrasheraz@cox.net](mailto:thrasheraz@cox.net)



# Greek School

Submitted by Gabriella Papatzimas



Holy Trinity Greek  
&  
Heritage School of Phoenix

Είστε έτοιμοι για το Ελληνικό σχολείο? Are you ready for Greek School?

This is a question that all our students are excited to answer as they get ready for Greek School every Wednesday from 5PM-7PM.

Our Greek School program is taught by Director Irene Dartozos Mackos and Greek School alumni Gabriella Papatzimas. With classes ranging from PreK - 7th Grade, our 10 students are eager to come and learn each week.

Our Greek School program covers the Greek language, geography, history, music, dance, traditions & Greek recipes.

Outside of our normal Greek School lesson plans, once a month we meet for Yiayia's Kitchen, where our students make Greek recipes with Yiayia & learn about different traditions celebrated in Greece. Last week, we learned about the history of Greece's flag & each of our students made their own Horiatiki Salata (Greek Salad). Through the upcoming months, Yiayia's Kitchen will teach them how to make koulourakia, Nistisimo Glyko (lenten cake), Vasilopita & Fanouropita.

If you're interested in learning more about our Greek School program or enrolling, please email Irene at [airinie@gmail.com](mailto:airinie@gmail.com).



# All Saints Camp Fundraiser

**3RD ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL**  
SATURDAY | November 9, 2019  
Stonecreek Golf Club



**SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**  
Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



## 1:00 PM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

12:00 pm Check-In

Course located at 4435 E. Paradise Village Pkwy S, Phoenix, AZ 85032

## \$125 PER GOLFER

(If paid by Oct 31st | \$150 after deadline)

Includes dinner 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 DINNER FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

6:00pm at Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

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

RSVP by OCT 31, 2019

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**ALL SAINTS CAMP**

# Save the Date!

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SATURDAY

## Evening includes...

- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour / Music
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Dancing

*Cocktail Attire Suggested*

## Ticket Prices:

### Until October 13th

- Adults \$50
- Students \$30
- Children 12 & under \$20

### After October 13th

- Adults \$60
- Students \$40
- Children 12 & under \$20

Purchase tickets with cash or check.  
Contact Sandy at [sandymeris@yahoo.com](mailto:sandymeris@yahoo.com)  
or (602) 525-0345.

CATERED BY



*Thank you for supporting your church community! Funding raised benefits the dance program and OPA! for events throughout the year.*

**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

1973 E Maryland Ave, Phoenix

# Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners  
and their guests



Greetings Desert Diamonds & Friends,

Please mark your calendars and save the date for our outing on **Tuesday, October 29th** at the ASU Kerr Center for the **"Tuesday Morning Music & Tea" concert featuring "Violin Extraordinaire"**. Tea, coffee, and refreshments are complimentary and are served beginning at 9:30am.

The Performance begins at 10:30am. There is no fee for the concert, but a \$5.00 donation and a can of food for the Food Bank are very welcome.

**ASU Kerr Cultural Center**  
**6110 N. Scottsdale Road**  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85253**

Note: While on Scottsdale Road, turn to the west side of Rose Lane and follow the curb to the parking lot on left.

Please RSVP by October 15th to either Julie or Judith, they will start taking reservations for this concert at that time.

Many thanks to all who attended our very successful Potluck & Book Signing event which featured author of "The Village", Magda Gryperis. We had about 70 attending!



Warm regards,

Julie Karoutas,  
Email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com)  
Cell: 623-313-8720 call or text  
Judith LaMond  
Cell: 703-819-9957, please text only.

Please look for November & December events TBA!



# Our Church Family

## Baptism

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

Galatians 3:27

09/07/2019

Ian Cook, son of Victoria and Spencer Cook, Godmother is Pamela Tankovich

*God's Blessings be upon him.*

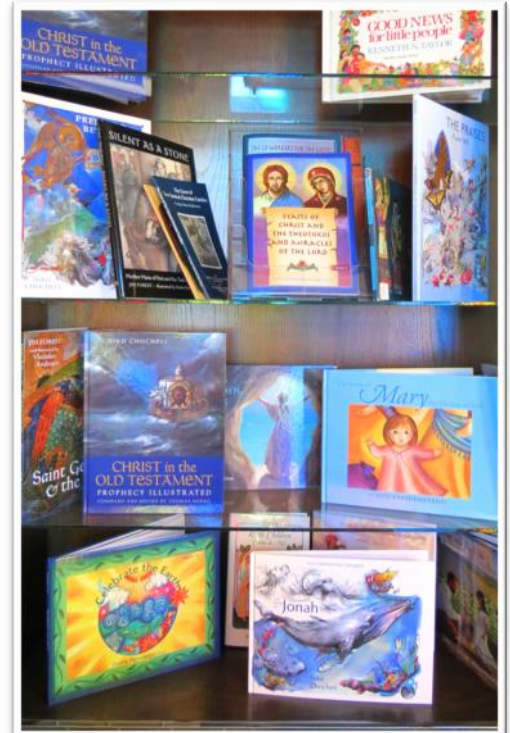


# Narthex Library

Pictured below is one of **four** display cases of books that are available to check out for *free* in the Narthex.

Just follow the posted directions and enjoy.

Happy reading!



# Myrrhbearer Photo Project

We will be calling for Myrrhbearer photos from over the years, with the goal to collect each year and present them chronologically in one big photo album.

Look for information soon on where to send your photo! In the meantime, begin thinking where yours are!

# Attention Organizations:

Please check the Organization Contacts listings on page 2 of this issue and confirm that the information is correct. Email is the default contact type, but can be changed to texting or telephoning if preferred.

Email any changes to both Diana at [AdminAssist@holytrinityphx.org](mailto:AdminAssist@holytrinityphx.org) and Kristen at [kvasilarakos@cox.net](mailto:kvasilarakos@cox.net).

It is the organization's responsibility to inform Diana and Kristen of any updates to their listing.

*Thank you!*



## We're Blogging!

**NEW!**

Father Apostolos and Pastoral Assistant Alexander have joined the blog-o-sphere!

From the website [holytrinityphx.org](http://holytrinityphx.org) go to the drop-down Media heading and click on BLOGs. From there, you'll be able to read posts by Father and Alex. Click share, if you'd like. And look for info coming soon on a free subscription to your inbox.



## Follow Holy Trinity Cathedral on Facebook

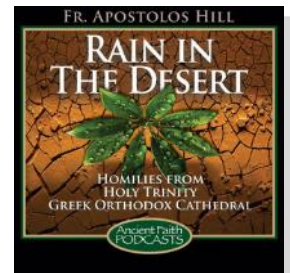
The page offers news of our Parish Community, in addition to offering links to podcasts and videos of many of our services.



## 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](http://www.holytrinityphx.org).



## What YOU Can Do to Make Visitors Feel Welcome

Have you noticed new faces in our Narthex, Sanctuary, and Speros Center? We've had many visitors stop by lately. Some are Orthodox and visiting from other Parishes, some are returning to Orthodoxy after a long time away, and some are coming to check out Orthodoxy for the very first time. No matter how they come to us, let's make sure we say Hello!

"Welcome! I don't believe we've met yet. My name is (your name)" is a great start. Offer to walk with them down to Coffee Hour. Ask them to sit with you. A personal connection goes far!

## Videos of Services

There are weekly video tapings of the Matins, Liturgy and special services posted by Daniel and Joshua Pardhe on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and through the links on the [website](http://www.holytrinityphx.org).

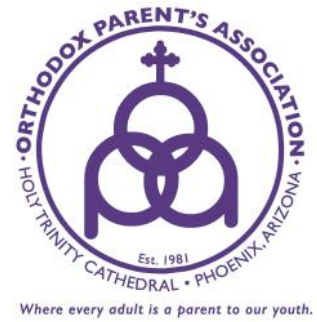


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# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Dianna Scaccia, Co-President  
Paulina Watson, Co-President



We hosted a back to school luncheon on September 8th that was well-attended. Everyone enjoyed the sub sandwiches, salads, fruit, and desserts.

The Family Fun Night at the D-Back's game was a great time had by all who attended!

We had our first General OPA meeting. We encourage all families to be involved and sign up to be a member of this wonderful organization. Membership is \$20 per family. The money collected goes in the OPA fund and helps to pay for inspirational and Family Wellness speakers, for the Day of Christmas Cheer, snacks or pizza for meetings the youth groups host at church, and other youth-related activities.

Next month our youth and parents will be actively involved with the Greek Festival!



Sr. Goya met for their first meeting on Sep. 15 in the GOYA room. Alexander and The Goyan's elected Jake Watson as the Sr. Goya president. The next Sr. Goya meeting will be Oct. 20th at 7:00pm in the Goya room.



Hope and Joy will be meeting for their monthly event on October 18th. Jr. Goya's monthly event will be on Oct 20th. More information to follow about these events. Keep an eye out for the weekly OPA newsletter.

In God's love,

Paulina Watson & Dianna Scaccia

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Dianna Scaccia  
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[discaccia@gmail.com](mailto:discaccia@gmail.com)



## Meet your new Board!

Co-President	Paulina Watson
Co-President	Dianna Scaccia
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Correspondence	Caroline Economopoulos

# Greek Dance

By Gabriella Papatzimas

With less than 2 weeks till the Original Phoenix Greek Festival, the Greek Dance Program has been practicing for over 50 hours to prepare for their performances at the Greek Festival. Ranging from PreK to Young Adult, our dance program consists of 100+ dancers split into 6 dance groups.

A little preview to what you will see this year at the festival includes dances from the regions of Central Greece, Crete, Pontus, Epirus, Thrace and more.

Our dance groups are taught by Greek Dance alumni and dancers themselves: Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Gabriella Papatzimas, Tasso Annos, Athanasia Fournalis, Nikki Forman, Anna Fournalis, Athena Krestedemas, Anna Panagiotakopoulos, Pamela Maydanis and Angela Woertz.

We can't wait to see you all at the Greek Festival this year and bring our kefi to the stage!

If you're interested in learning more about our Greek Dance program or enrolling, please email Niko at [npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com).



To everyone who helped during the month of September with the OPA's Sunday coffee hours

*Thank You*



## Dance Practice Schedule

Sunday, October 6 - 12:15pm - Dress Rehearsal  
Wednesday, October 9 - 6:00pm - Slab Rehearsal  
Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13 - FESTIVAL!



## 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 [Paulinawatson25@gmail.com](mailto:Paulinawatson25@gmail.com) or [discaccia@gmail.com](mailto:discaccia@gmail.com) and we'll get you added to the list.

## *Little Lambs* Fall Kick-Off Play Date



# Little Lambs Parade

## Little Lambs FOLK DANCE PARADE



Have children 5 and under who want to participate in the Little Lambs parade at the **Original Phoenix Greek Festival?**

Please contact Angela Scopelianos directly to coordinate.

*The children will be the first performers on both Saturday and Sunday morning!*

If you need a costume, please provide a \$40 refundable check.

\*There is a \$10 fee for dry cleaning.

Contact Angela at [angelagarozzo@gmail.com](mailto:angelagarozzo@gmail.com) or (913) 638-5991.

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# AHEPA Chapter 219



## AHEPA Chapter 219

**Chapter of the Year Award**  
Nick Maydanis Photographer



### October Meeting Information

Our Next Meeting is:

Thursday, October 24th  
6:30pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox  
Church Community Center

Interested in Becoming a Member?  
Contact Pete Marudas  
602-284-1638

## Upcoming Event

# Strike Up Some Fun!

## AHEPA 219 Community Bowling Event

BRING YOUR TEAM  
AND TRY TO WIN THE  
COVETED TROPHY!

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 26, 2019  
12 - 2PM

VIA LINDA LANES  
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SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258



**\$30 - Adults**  
**\$20 - Students**

RSVP to Tim Floor 602.616.1989  
or Art Boujotas 480.586.0511

## AHEPA Scholarships



## AHEPA CHAPTER 219 EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL FOUNDATION, INC.

# 2019 - 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

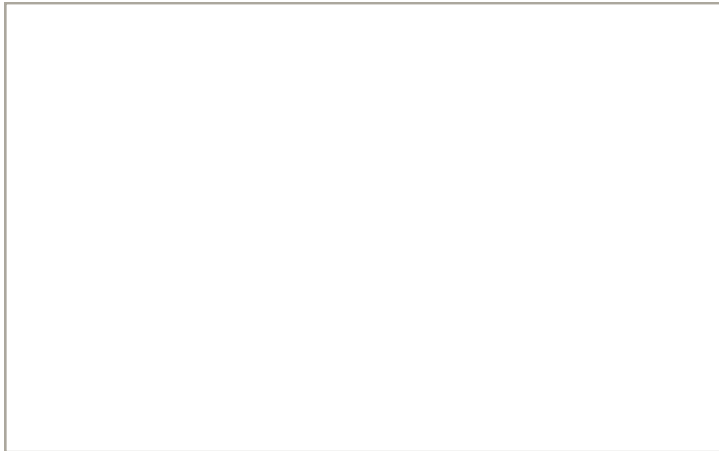


**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

**APPLICATION IS ON THE  
AHEPA219.COM WEBSITE  
OR CALL 602.616.1989**

# 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).



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.

### Sample Size

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](mailto: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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