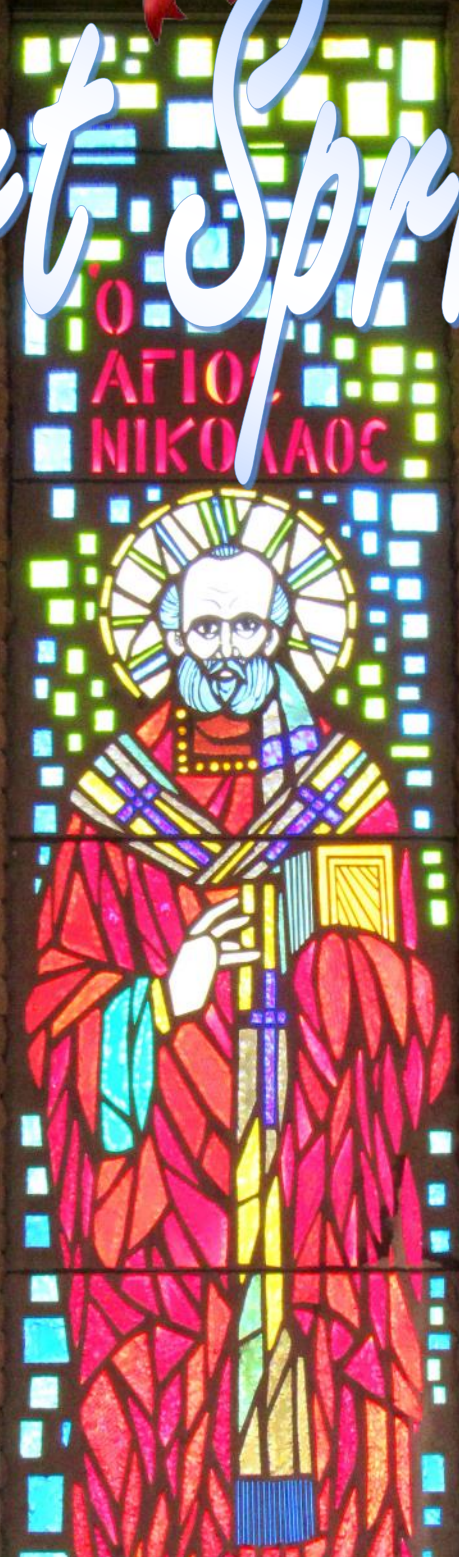


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Please check the listings on this page and confirm that the information is correct. Email is the default contact type, but listings can be changed to text or phone if preferred. Email any changes to both the Office at [AdminAssist@holyltrinityphx.org](mailto:AdminAssist@holyltrinityphx.org) and Kristen at [kvasilarakos@cox.net](mailto:kvasilarakos@cox.net). *It is the organization's responsibility* to inform Natalie and Kristen of any updates to your listing.

# Message from Father Apostolos

## Supply and Demand



It is a classic meme revisited in numerous Christmas Holiday movies. The overworked parent racing through the Holiday season, falling progressively farther behind in the vain attempt to provide the perfect Christmas experience for the far-flung family members flying in for the annual celebration. One can begin to feel the blood pressure rise at the thought of this!

Clark Griswold of "A Christmas Vacation" movie classic leaps to mind with his rapid descent into insanity as his beautiful plans fall apart. Scott Calvin in "The Santa Clause" (the favorite Christmas movie of both your priests!) begins the film as a hard-charging toy executive and terrible father before morphing into Santa Claus by the 90 minute film's ending. If only real life could be so neatly resolved into the perfect Hallmark moment so swiftly.

And if you've not already noticed, the supply chain issue is creating unsightly gaps on the shelves where our favorite holiday items ought to be. Good news though! All the Holiday merchandise floating off the port of Long Beach will surely get here in time for Christmas... in 2022!

No doubt, many of us are having flashbacks to the 1996 film "Jingle All The Way" and Arnold Schwarzenegger's character (another absent, burnt-out father) frantically trying to score a "Turbo Man" action figure for his son after another year of business related let-downs. To quote Garfield's surly quip from the classic 1987 "A Garfield Christmas Special," "...wake me up when it's through."

Once again, we find ourselves wondering if we are fated to join the hordes of stress-monkeys screeching through the retail world each Holiday Season. Might there be another way to navigate the weeks ahead with some modicum of serenity? Hallmark Christmas Romance movies surely follow a well-worn script trajectory (*and God love you if you enjoy such films!*) but our lives needn't be so predictable and exhausting.

Christmastime is a perfect season for exploring and owning the differences between an Orthodox celebration of the Feast of the Incarnation of the Word of God and the generic and uninspiring "Festivus" ("for the rest of us!") celebrated in American life. And let's not delude ourselves; the difference is vast! As obedient children of our Mother, Christ's Holy Church, we began the season on the 15th of November with the Advent Fast. So while our friends and coworkers are loosening their belts and packing on the holiday poundage, we are trimming down! Pretty neat, huh?

And in her motherly care for her children, the Church provides a buffet of liturgical services to unite us to the One all this Christmas frenzy is really about. Saints such as Nicholas, Ambrose, Sabbas, Dionysios, Ignatius, Herman, and others are commemorated in the Holiday Season. Our festivities are only beginning when our friends' and coworkers' are already turning green at the thought of more eggnog and cookies!

Our Christmas Services begin on the 23rd with the Royal Hours of the Nativity and run through the 27th! That's *Five, count 'em, FIVE* straight days of services preceding the Twelve Days of Christmas which run through the Feast of Holy Theophany on the 6th of January! By my count, that is just under eight weeks of Festal Activities for our Orthodox Christmas season!

This blessed season affords the wise among us an opportunity to slow down, to reflect, to embrace, to reconcile, to assemble as the Holy Trinity Cathedral family to worship the Incarnate Word of God, and to create our own family Christmas traditions with our children that reinforce the "true meaning" of Christmas," so well-articulated in 1965 by Linus in "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

My prayer is that we will gratefully and humbly receive the Divine Gifts our Mother, Christ's Holy Church, desires to give us this Christmas season, gifts that are never in short supply!

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



*To be a welcoming community sharing Christ's love  
through faith and serv*

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021

# GRATITUDE LUNCHEON

All parishioners are invited to join us for our **FREE** Stewardship Sunday Gratitude Luncheon following Liturgy.

**Lenten Menu:**

Fish Plaki  
Pasta with Marinara Sauce  
Vegetable  
Salad  
Rolls  
Coffee & Dessert

## Parish Assembly on December 12, 2021

**\*\*\*Notice\*\*\*Notice\*\*\*Notice\*\*\***

### [Parish Assembly Meeting Official Notice](#)

If you see your name on the [House of Stewards](#) list on pages 30 & 31, you are a member in good standing and eligible to participate in our upcoming Parish Assembly meeting on **Sunday, December 12th** at the Speros Community Center, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Agenda and more information to follow.

# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



## STEWARDSHIP 2022 OUR CHURCH. OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

Each year we are called on to fill out and submit a new stewardship pledge card. Why is this necessary? Once the church has our card on file, why can't it be used year after year? This is a commonly asked question. The answer is profound. It is because each year the Orthodox church wants us to prayerfully reconsider our commitment to the church. An act of renewal. To be an active participant, we must take stock of our spiritual lives and of our financial pledge and renew our commitment. Otherwise, we can easily become passive, inactive members who take the Church for granted.

Everyone's financial pledge varies from family to family. So what is the appropriate amount? The Orthodox Church and Christ are very clear. A tithe of 10% of our income is the Biblically based minimum. The concept of tithing is not something we at Holy Trinity have been accustomed to but one we must become more comfortable and familiar with. For those who are not ready to tithe, we ask that you give proportionally to what you have been given. We must have faith that what we give comes back to us ten fold! We must have faith that the Lord will continue to provide for us and that it is our responsibility to take care of our Church as we do our own homes. At the bare minimum we ask that you round up your pledge over last year. Our goal remains to be a percentage giving Church on our way to becoming a tithing Church.

Please bring your completed pledge card to church on Stewardship Sunday, December 5th. Completed pledge cards will be collected, taken in to the altar and blessed so that Holy Trinity will continue to be blessed. Your pledge enables the Church to continue to do God's work here on Earth.

Or, you may fill out your 2022 pledge card online. Simply go to [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org), click "stewardship" in the upper right hand corner. Then click "pledge card." Fill out and submit your pledge card. For those who choose this option, your pledge can still be blessed in the altar as we will have special cards for you in the Narthex to include in the basket.

Then, please join us down at the hall for the free Gratitude Luncheon so that we may celebrate our joined efforts to support our Cathedral and so that we may show our appreciation to all of our faithful stewards.

May God continue to bless you and your family in 2022 and may He continue to bless Holy Trinity for generations to come.

***"To be a welcoming community sharing  
Christ's love through faith and service."***

# Endowment Fund

## + THE HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT FUND +

The Holy Trinity Endowment Fund was established in 1992 with an initial deposit of \$2,000. The goal was to build the Endowment Fund whereby the interest and appreciation would one day provide sufficient income so Holy Trinity would no longer be totally dependent on an annual Festival to supplement stewardship income.

The Endowment Fund is obligated to preserve the donor's contributions such that the principal will remain inviolable and be held in perpetuity by the Church. The funds are prudently managed by the investment committee, which reports to the Parish Council. The investment committee only approves withdrawals from the earnings and appreciation, over and above the donor's contributions, and are used only to benefit Holy Trinity and its ministries.

Over the course of the past twenty-nine years the committee has held steadfast to this mission, and as a result, generous donors from our Church, desiring to leave a legacy in perpetuity for their family, have made contributions totaling \$594,140.

*This is your opportunity to put your lifetime thumbprint in the history of Holy Trinity Cathedral.*

We have been blessed by the generosity and foresight of the individuals and families listed on the next page. We benefit today from their kindness and vision. If your circumstances allow you to give a gift above and beyond your annual stewardship commitment, then please take this occasion to join the others in creating a legacy by pledging your gift to Holy Trinity Cathedral's perpetual Endowment Fund. Gifts of \$10,000 or more will be separately listed along with others who have reached that level.

Your gift, no matter the amount will be combined into the general endowment fund, and will be greatly appreciated.

*We are extremely grateful to those who have made sacrificial donations for the perpetual benefit of Holy Trinity Cathedral*

### + ENDOWMENT GIFTS OVER \$10,000.00 +

Gabriel & Helen Papagallos  
The DeMoss Families  
IMO+ Mary Montague  
IMO+ John G. Zannaras  
Steve & Judith Vrahas  
Ange & Alex J, Pappas

Faye Boukas  
Dennis & Anastasia DeBerry  
George & Koula Cheros  
IMO+ Dina Sakellarakis  
Dr. Nicholas Baziotes  
John & Mary Katsenes

George & Ann Souvall  
IMO+ Tasia Pritchard  
John George Thomas  
Steve & Joan Vrahas  
James & Connie Coin Contes

### GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS OVER \$1,000.00

Dr. Christopher J. DeMoss, the Lambrou Family

**IN MEMORY GIFTS:** IMO+ Stacy Hotis, IMO+ Danny Speros, IMO+ Mark Sprintz, IMO+ Chris Gabriel, IMO+ Milton Sioles, IMO+ Fr. James & Presb. Katherine Tavlarides, IMO+ Tom Contes, IMO+ Leonard Mastorakos, IMO+ John Sgouros, IMO+ Chris Gabriel, IMO+ Athena & Dan Choukalas, IMO+ Milton & Harriet Sioles, IMO+ Koula & Pete Triantafyllou, IMO+ Fr. Anthony Coniaris, IMO+ James H. Karros

# Endowment Fund

## GIFT DONATION FORM

Please list my endowment gift as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my Endowment gift, which I may add to, of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to include the Holy Trinity Endowment fund in my  
Will \_\_\_, my Living Trust \_\_\_, or TOD\* \_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor, please sign and keep a copy for your records

\*TOD = transfer on death

*All gifts will be preserved in the archives of Holy Trinity Cathedral*

Gifts of \$10,000 or more may be made over a three year period.

*Thank You, and + God Bless You + for your generosity.*

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral + 1973 E Maryland Phoenix AZ 85016

# IRA Tax Savings

## TAX SAVINGS FOR HOLY TRINITY MEMBERS WITH IRA'S

Seniors are **required** to take withdrawals from their IRA's when they reach 72 years old.

Those withdrawals are fully taxable at ordinary income rates. There is a simple way to avoid that tax, and help Holy Trinity. When you have funds sent **directly** from your IRA to Holy Trinity, **the tax is avoided**. You do not get an additional deduction for this donation, because you have already saved the tax by your direct gift from your IRA.

You can make this process very simple by asking your IRA manager to issue a checkbook to you, then you simply write checks directly from Your IRA to Holy Trinity and any other charitable gifts you wish to make.

**+ REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY IN YOUR WILL +**

# Parish Council Candidates

## Sandy Annos

Sandy is a 59-year-long member of Holy Trinity. She has a degree in accounting from the University of Arizona and currently works at Honeywell. She and her husband John have been married for 23 years and share 3 wonderful sons. Sandy has previously been the OPA Treasurer, Parish Council Treasurer, costume director for our dance program, and served on the audit board.

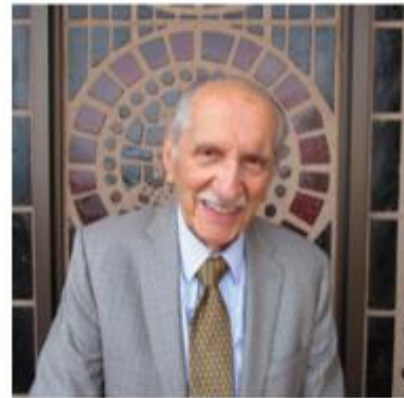


## Connie Contes

Connie is a 30+ year-long member of Holy Trinity who describes herself as an Orthodox Christian woman blessed to be a wife, mother, friend, peacemaker, Godparent and yiayia to many children. She is a now retired Superior Court judge and hopes to serve God and the Cathedral for as long as she can. Connie has previously been a Sunday School teacher, the Parish Council President, Vice President (2x), Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

## Charles DeMoss

Charles is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a licensed attorney now in investment business. Currently working with Wells Fargo Advisors. He enjoys his time with his sons and family, serving Holy Trinity as a 51-year-long member of the church. Charles is a member of the Holy Trinity Investment Committee.



## Andi Furlis

Andi is a 30-year-long member of Holy Trinity who is the superintendent of Mesa Public Schools. She and her husband Ted have 3 beautiful daughters. She hopes to serve the Cathedral as it continues to grow. Andi has been the Secretary of the Parish Council and an OPA Board member for 3 years.



# Parish Council Candidates

## Alexander Harding

Alexander is a recent convert who feels closer to God and continues to find ways to further the Truth and give back all that he has been given in grace. He is a newer member of the church, but fast involved in Narthex volunteering, Young Adults and the Stewardship committee, and hopes to see our church grow and help in any way he can.



## Jill Leach

Jill is a member of the Cathedral family as a military wife (married for 30 years to her husband Scott), who loves to be in church. She has fond memories of attending services with her dear yiayia. Everyday she, along with Scott, are learning and wanting to be involved in the Cathedral as much as they can.

## Jim Manelis

Jim is a seventeen-year-long member of the community, attending with his wife Donna and beautiful family. He currently works for Chase banking. A previous member of congregations in Denver and Tampa, he loves art, architecture, family, fitness, cars and the Cathedral. Jim has been the Parish Council Treasurer and President previously.



## Elias Mousa

Elias was born in Syria as one of 6 children. He has attended Orthodox gatherings since almost birth, serving as a Sunday School teacher and camp counselor. He moved to Arizona 36 years ago where he graduated from Phoenix College and continued his schooling in Theology at Hellenic College Holy Cross. Elias has previously been a Parish Council Vice President at St. Ignatius Antiochian Orthodox Church.

# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

## “FRIENDS OF THE POOR”

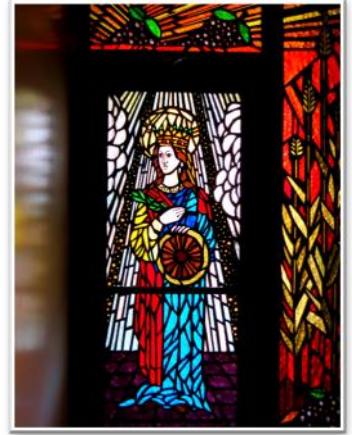
An organization where membership is an honor & a privilege.

**JOIN & ENRICH YOUR LIFE!**

What is Philoptochos?


The translation is Philo = Friend and Ptochos = Poor.

It is literally “Friend of the Poor”.



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

**Meeting  
& Christmas Party  
Thursday,  
December 2, 2021  
6:30pm  
Speros Community Center**



**The 2021-2023 Board:**  
 PRESIDENT - Alex Anagnopoulos  
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## JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2022

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

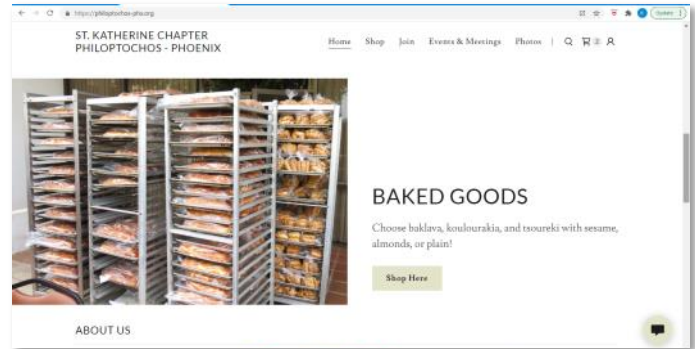
Mail your membership to:

St. Katherine's Philoptochos of HTC Membership 2022, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

**NEW!** Philoptochos is offering ONLINE ordering for the Christmas Bake Sale!  
Last day to order is Sunday, December 5, 2021.

[philoptochos-phx.org/shop](http://philoptochos-phx.org/shop)



Philoptochos  
Tray Passing on  
Sunday, December 5th

Philoptochos will be passing a tray for **St. Nicholas Ranch**. Please look for the tray!

November's meeting on Sunday,  
November 14, 2021, following  
Divine Liturgy.

## Chapter Focus on Local Charities

In an effort to engage our membership in the Philoptochos mission to 'Help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disaster', and to expand involvement locally, we include, as a new part of our monthly program, **the opportunity for members to formally nominate and select charity recipients.**

Bill Marianes, who assisted with the Cathedral's "Why Statement", reminds us that **the more money extended out into our community, the more we will realize from the community back into our church.**

The Chapter will accept nominations at each monthly meeting.

Philoptochos Members: [Click HERE for the Nomination Form](#)

November's Chosen Charity:  
Mom's Pantry

<https://www.momspantryphoenix.org/>



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos Bake Sale Order Form



## ST. KATHERINE PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### ITEMS AVAILABLE:

TSOUREKI \$10 each (please specify quantity & type): \_\_\_\_\_ plain \_\_\_\_\_ almond \_\_\_\_\_ sesame  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

KOULOURAKIA \$8 dozen (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BAKLAVA \$25 per 8" x 8" tray (how many?) \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT:

CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please make check payable to: PHILOPTOCHOS)*

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK (IF APPLICABLE) TO:

PHILOPTOCHOS  
4022 E HAMBLIN DR  
PHOENIX, AZ 85050

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021**

**ALL ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 ONLY.**  
**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL PATTY @ 480-703-4713.**

# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

*Not even distance  
can keep us in  
the darkness.*

**PHILOPTOCHOS**  
PHILANTHROPY - FELLOWSHIP - FAITH IN ACTION

*"The light shines in the  
darkness, and the darkness  
has not overcome it."*

*John 1:5*

**Light  
the Path**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, December 11, 2021**  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**VIRTUAL CELEBRATION**  
In support of the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid  
Endowment Fund. Join us! More details coming soon!

*Please join us for an inspiring virtual fundraising event that will feature special presentations from*

**Hellenic College Holy Cross Students**

**Nicholas Fettis, Pianist from the Fettis Family Farm in Carmel, CA**

**Citrus Singers from Citrus College in Glendora, CA**

**AND AN ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE FROM**  
**His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco**

There is no cost to attend, however advance registration is required to receive Zoom login information. Register at: [www.sfphiloptochos.org](http://www.sfphiloptochos.org) or by calling 415-431-2600 by December 6, 2021.

**Donate today online: [www.sfphiloptochos.org](http://www.sfphiloptochos.org)**



# Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners  
and their guests



Dear Desert Diamonds and Friends,

Praying that all is well with you and yours. Many thanks to our members that attended our October Potluck! It was wonderful seeing you! I pray that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Save the date:

**Friday, December 17, 2021, from 11:30am - 2:00pm**



**Holy Trinity's Speros Community Center  
for our very special Christmas Party with Friends.**

We are inviting our Senior groups from St. Katherine's Xrisi Parea, Assumption's Senior group, and St. Haralambos' Forever Young group.

Our luncheon will be catered by Yianni's Catering; cost \$15.00pp. There will be some food items that are appropriate for those fasting. **Reservations must be made by Sunday, December 12, 2021.** Be sure to sign up ASAP, a count is needed for the luncheon. Be sure to invite your friends. Payment in either cash or check to Julie Karoutas by 12/12/2021.

It promises to be a very special day. There will be some pleasant surprises, Fellowship and a Christmas Sing-a-Long!

We will not do a gift exchange; if anyone wishes to bring a donated item for our Agape Ball's, Silent Auction, please do so. Items must have a minimum value of \$25.00.

For those who work during the week and all, we will also be going to the **Scottsdale Philharmonic Concert at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts** to enjoy their Special Holiday Concert; a \$15.00 donation is required, you must call 480-499-8587 for tickets. Sunday, December 12 at 4:00pm. Be sure to mention that you are with the Holy Trinity group. It is important to respond & let me know if you are attending, please let your friends know about the events, many do not have email.

**Wishing All, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year**♥

Please respond if able to attend!

With Christ's love,

Julie Karoutas

email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com)

cell: 623-313-8720 call or text

PS: Please be sure to invite your friends

# Reconvened Parish Assembly

November 7, 2021



# Turkey Bowl

Thanksgiving Morning



**HOLY TRINITY TURKEY BOWL** THANKSGIVING MORNING AFTER 8AM LITURGY

DIVINE LITURGY 8AM  
FOOTBALL TO FOLLOW  
RSVP TO FR. ALEXANDER  
ANYONE IN HIGH SCHOOL OR  
ABOVE WELCOME TO PLAY,  
ALL WELCOME TO WATCH!



# Sunday School

Kathy New, Director



Thank you to the Sunday School staff for hosting a terrific **Godparent's Sunday Lunch** on November 7, 2021!



## Maintenance Corner

By Ted Fourlis

The maintenance committee is currently reviewing the campus for projects review and priority. We are still working to determine how to best repair the non working lighting up on the cathedral landing and stairs. The Valonis brothers continue to update lighting to LED fixtures and bulbs, and have been busy preparing the hall for rentals. We are working on cleaning out the kitchen grease traps and repairing one of them. Happy Thanksgiving! Your Maintenance Team.



Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Maintenance Committee  
602-625-8835  
[htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com](mailto:htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com)



# New Year's Eve



2022

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## *New Year's Eve Party*

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Holy Trinity Cathedral  
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dinner, dancing & a champagne toast  
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# Tell Us Something Good!



**Constantine A. Balanis**  
IEEE Electromagnetics Award  
**2021**

ASU Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering  
School of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering  
Arizona State University

By Theresa Cordon

## Balanis earns highest achievement in electromagnetic engineering

Arizona State University Regents Professor Constantine A. Balanis is the 2021 recipient of the prestigious IEEE Electromagnetic Award from the [Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers](#).

Recipients of the award must demonstrate “outstanding contributions to the theory or application of electromagnetics.”

Prof. Constantine A. Balanis, ASU Regents Professor Emeritus, received the prestigious [2021 International IEEE Electromagnetics Award](#).

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) is the largest international engineering professional society with a membership of nearly 425,000 in 160 countries.

Links to articles:

[Balanis earns highest achievement in electromagnetic engineering - School of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering \(asu.edu\)](https://ecee.engineering.asu.edu/2020/09/balanis-earns-highest-achievement-in-electromagnetic-engineering/)  
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*Congratulations!*

## Coffee Hours

Thank you to [Dance](#) for sponsoring Coffee Hours in November.

The December Coffee Hours will be sponsored by [Philoptochos](#).



## HTC on Facebook

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

[Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral—Phoenix, AZ](#)



# Original Phoenix Greek Festival

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR "FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL" FOR MAKING THIS A RECORD YEAR!

We are proud and excited to announce that the 2021 Friends of the Festival campaign was the biggest and most successful in its history. In total, **\$32,780** was collected to help offset festival costs. We are grateful and humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. It is truly amazing what we can accomplish when we all work together. May the Lord continue to provide for and bless our beloved Cathedral.



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# Small Group Ministry Meetings

*"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst."*  
Matthew 18:20



Home-base Small Group Ministry has been a part of the Christian experience from the very beginning. St. Luke writes the the first Christians *"met together in the Temple day by day and shared their meals together in different homes, sharing their food happily and freely."* Personal relationships are the cornerstone of Christian life as we seek to imitate the love Christ has for us to the entire world.

Do you ever feel like the Cathedral is a bit large and you don't even know who the fellow parishioner is that that has sat in the pew across from you for 4 years and at this point you're too afraid to ask? Simply new to the parish and want to get to know others better?

Our Holy Trinity Cathedral is pleased to launch our own Home-based Small Group Ministry this fall to better facilitate these relationships in our parish family! Fellowship and relationship-building is the aim of this ministry as we share our love for and faith in Jesus Christ as Orthodox Christians.

We have a wonderful blueprint for our meetings that will make our times together wonderfully fruitful. Thank God, we already have four host families to get us started! Each group is free to establish its own meeting schedule and format as we get to know our newer parish members or expand our circle of friends. If you are interested in being a host or participating let us know! Training will be provided for leaders so have no fear to take on the task!

Email Fr. Apostolos by [clicking here](#) to join a group or lead!

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# AHEPA Chapter 219

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**AHEPA 219's next meeting is  
Thursday, December 16, 2021  
at 6:00pm - Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Community Center.**

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?  
CONTACT STEVE LEMERE  
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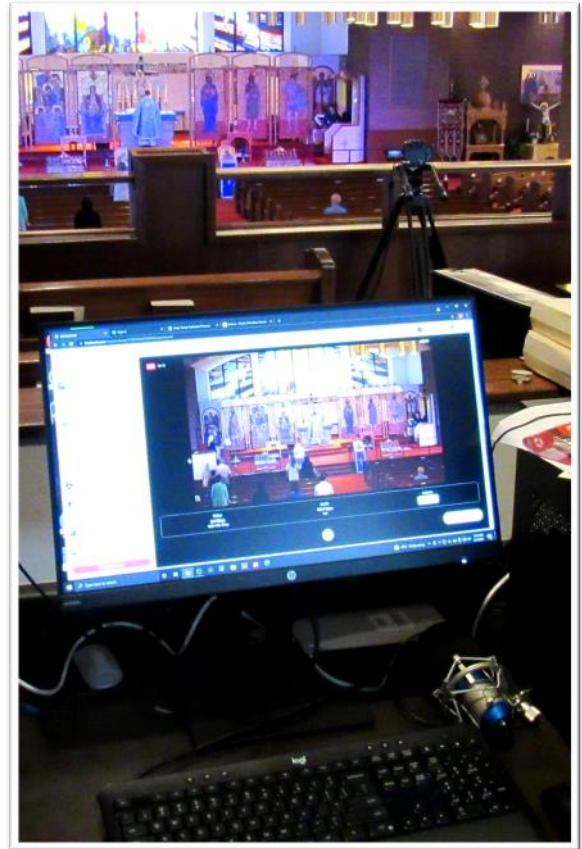
# Merry Christmas!

PHOTOS FROM RECENT MEETINGS AND EVENTS  
BY NICK MAYDANIS

Liturgical Services will continue to be  
live streamed  
by Father Apostolos  
and Father Alexander.

All services can now be found on the  
**Home Page** of the  
Cathedral's website  
[www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org),  
in addition to the continued postings  
on our Facebook page.

Thank you to Tom Giatron and Joshua Pardhe for their  
above-and-beyond efforts to bring  
clear and timely video to all!



## *Desert Springs* Issues Available to Our Seniors

or the computer-challenged!

In an effort to reach our whole Parish Community with Cathedral news, issues of the *Desert Springs* will be available for FREE to those in our community who do not own or use a computer, tablet, or smart phone or would prefer to read the news in hard-copy print. Submit names to the Church Office or call or text Kristen at 602-332-8809.

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# Our Church Family

## 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



11/23/2021

Peter Rodopoulos

*May his memory be eternal.*



## Contact Info Change?

If you have moved, changed your phone number, email, or have any other updates to your personal information, please let the office know. Thank you!



## Donations

We greatly value all your donations! Please remember, when you write us a check, to include your **intention for the donation and your envelope number in the memo line.**

i.e. stewardship, candles, etc.

*Thank you all!*



## Light a Candle

In this time more than ever we need prayer. For those not able to come to the Cathedral yet, we have set up this ability to light a candle virtually!

Please click the link above and follow the instructions. Enter your name and the names of those you wish prayed for in the PayPal “Notes” section, and Father Apostolos or Father Alexander will light a candle and say a prayer for you.

## Christmas Unwrapped





# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou

The month of December offers us the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as the feast days of Sts Nicholas the Wonderworker and Spyridon the Wonderworker and bishop of Tremithus.



## Nativity of our Lord

Commemorated on December 25



The Feast of the Nativity of Jesus is one of the most joyful days of the Orthodox Church. It ranks next to the greatest holiday, the Resurrection of Jesus. The Feast of the Birth of Jesus is also known as the "Incarnation of Christ." This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as Christmas.

Emperor Augustus ordered that a census be taken in all his lands. Everyone had to go to the town of their family's origin to register for the census. This meant that Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. They were descendants of King David and Bethlehem was the City of David.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth and it was a great distance from Bethlehem. Mary was expecting the baby and it was almost time for her to give birth. Bethlehem was a small town and there were many descendants of David who had come to register for the census. By the time Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no place for them to stay. Finally, Joseph found a cave-like place where they could rest. This place was used

by shepherds to protect their sheep in stormy weather. It was there that Mary gave birth to Jesus. The baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the straw in the manger.

Now, that night the shepherds were out in the fields guarding their sheep. Suddenly, there was a bright light which startled them. The light was so bright that it turned the night into daylight. Of course, the shepherds were frightened. Nothing such as this had ever happened. Soon an angel appeared and calmed them. The angel said: "Fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior; which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11-12).

Then a larger group of angels appeared. They praised and glorified God and sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). When the angels finished singing, they disappeared and the light began to fade. It became dimmer and dimmer until it was dark again. The shepherds were awed. They didn't know what to do. Finally, they decided to leave their flocks of sheep and go to Bethlehem. They decided that they wanted to see for themselves what the angels had told them. When they got to Bethlehem, they found Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. They fell to their knees and adored Jesus.

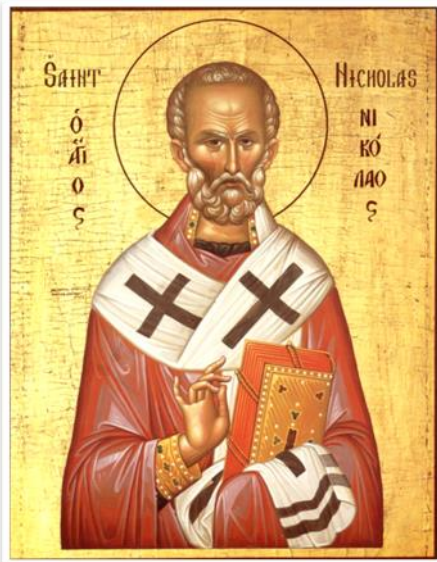
Some Wise Men came from the East for they knew of the coming of Jesus. They had seen a star that told them that a new king had been born to the Jews. They followed the star and were looking for the child. At this time the governor of Judea was King Herod.

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He was a wicked man and was feared and hated by the people. When Herod heard about the Wise Men looking for the child, he invited them to his palace. Herod asked the Wise Men to find the child so that he, too, could worship Him. But Herod was lying. He did not want anyone to take his place. The Wise Men went on to look for Jesus. The Star led them to Jesus and Mary. When the Wise Men found Jesus, they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. They gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Wise Men left but did not return to Herod. They had a dream that warned them that Herod wanted to harm Jesus. Instead, they returned to their native country by a different route.

### **Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker**

Commemorated on December 6



St. Nicholas was born in Lycia (in Asia Minor) around the end of the third century, to pious Christian parents. His love of virtue, and his zeal for observing the canons of the Church, were evident from his infancy, when he would abstain from his mother's milk every Wednesday and Friday until the evening. From early youth he was inclined to solitude and silence; in fact, not a single written or spoken word of the Saint has come down to us. Though ordained a priest by his uncle, Archbishop Nicholas, he attempted to withdraw to a hermit's life in the Holy Land; but he was told by revelation that he was to return home to serve the Church publicly and be the salvation of many souls.

When his parents died, he gave away all of his inheritance to the needy, and thereafter almsgiving was his greatest glory. He always took particular care that his charity be done in secret. Perhaps the most famous story of his open-handedness concerns a debt-ridden man who had no money to provide dowries for his daughters, or even to support them, and in despair had resolved to give them into prostitution. On three successive nights the Saint threw a bag of gold into the window of the man's house, saving him and his daughters from sin and hopelessness. The man searched relentlessly to find and thank his benefactor; when at last he discovered that it was Nicholas, the Saint made him promise not to reveal the good deed until after he had died.

God honored his faithfulness by granting him unparalleled gifts of healing and wonderworking. Several times he calmed storms by his prayers and saved the ship that he was sailing in. Through the centuries he has often done the same for sailors who call out to him, and is considered the patron of sailors and all who go to sea.

His numberless miracles through the ages, on behalf of the countless Christians who have called on him, cannot be told.

He was elected Bishop of Myra not long before the great persecutions under Diocletian and Maximian (c. 305), and was put in prison, from which he continued to encourage his flock in the Faith. When the Arian heresy wracked the Church not long after Constantine came to the throne, St Nicholas was one of the 318 Bishops who gathered in Nicea in 325. There he was so incensed at the blasphemies of Arius that he struck him on the face. This put the other bishops in a quandary, since the canons require that any hierarch who strikes anyone must be deposed. Sadly, they prepared to depose the holy Nicholas; but in the night the Lord Jesus and the most Holy Theotokos appeared to them, telling them that the Saint had acted solely out of love for Truth, not from hatred

or passion, and that they should not act against him.

While still in the flesh, he sometimes miraculously appeared in distant places to save the lives of the faithful. He once saved the city of Myra from famine by appearing to the captain of a ship full of grain, telling him to take his cargo to the city. He appeared in a dream to Constantine to intercede for the lives of three Roman officers who had been falsely condemned; the three grateful soldiers later became monks.

The holy bishop reposed in peace around 345. His holy relics were placed in a church built in his honor in Myra, where they were venerated by throngs of pilgrims every year. In 1087, after Myra was conquered by the Saracens, the Saint's relics were translated to Bari in southern Italy, where they are venerated today. Every year, quantities of fragrant myrrh are gathered from the casket containing his holy relics.

Saint Nicholas is also commemorated on May 9 (The transfer of his relics) and on July 29 (his nativity).

### **Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker**

Commemorated on December 12



Saint Spyridon of Tremithus was born towards the end of the third century on the island of Cyprus. He was a humble shepherd, and had a wife and a daughter, Irene. He used all his substance for the needs of his neighbors and the homeless, for which the Lord rewarded him with a gift of wonderworking. He healed those who were incurably sick, and cast out demons.

Though he was poor himself, his house and table were always open to travelers and those in need. He kept his money in a box which he left open and available to all, not concerning himself with who took from it or whether they were deserving or not. In time, his wife died and, with less worldly cares, he redoubled his prayers and his almsgiving.

He became so well-loved on the island that, when the bishop of the town of Tremithos died, the faithful unanimously chose Spyridon to succeed him, and he thus became a shepherd of rational sheep as well as the beasts he had tended. Despite his sudden elevation in rank, he kept to his former manner of life, traveling everywhere on foot, tending his animals as before, while fulfilling all the duties of a bishop as well. (To portray this godly humility, his icon shows him wearing bishop's vestments and a peasant's woven straw hat.)

His compassion for others was boundless. Though he was very strict with himself, he would always break a fast to give comfort to a traveler.

Pages could be filled with stories of the miracles wrought by the holy bishop for the good of his flock: through his prayers he ended a drought, turned a snake to gold to help a poor man, and even raised the dead son of a poor widow.

All the Lives of the saint speak of the amazing

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simplicity and the gift of wonderworking granted him by God. Through a word of the saint the dead were awakened, the elements of nature tamed, the idols smashed.

His radiant virtue touched the consciences of those he met so that many would spontaneously fall at his feet and confess their sins.



When the Emperor Constantine summoned the First Ecumenical Council in 325, Spyridon attended, dressed in his simple peasant's garb. At one of the sessions, a proud Arian philosopher challenged the Orthodox to a debate about the Holy Trinity, and was amazed when the simple Spyridon stepped forward to accept the challenge. He and all the other bishops were far more amazed when the uneducated peasant bishop confounded all the Arian's arguments with his eloquent, Spirit-inspired words. The humbled philosopher admitted that he was convinced, embraced the Orthodox faith, and called upon the other Arians to abandon their human wisdom and embrace the true and life-giving Faith.

At that Council, Saint Spyridon displayed the unity of the Holy Trinity in a remarkable way. He took a brick in his hand and squeezed it. At that instant fire shot up from it, water dripped on the ground, and only dust remained in the hands of the wonderworker. "There was only one brick," Saint Spyridon said, "but it was composed of three elements. In the Holy Trinity there are three Persons, but only one God." The holy bishop always celebrated the Divine Liturgy with joy. Once, serving in a remote, almost empty church, he turned to the invisible congregation and said "Peace be unto all!", and his disciple heard a choir of angels respond "And with thy spirit!"

Saint Spyridon reposed in peace in 348 at the age of seventy-eight. His incorrupt and wonder-working relics poured forth miracles for the people of Cyprus until the seventh century, when they were moved to Constantinople to escape the Arab invasion; when the City fell to the Turks, the relics were again moved to Corfu, where they are venerated to this day. Even after 1,500 years, the holy relics remain incorrupt and work many life-giving wonders. Saint Spyridon is venerated as the Patron of Corfu.

## Parish Charity Project

*Thank you to our community for your generous donations!*



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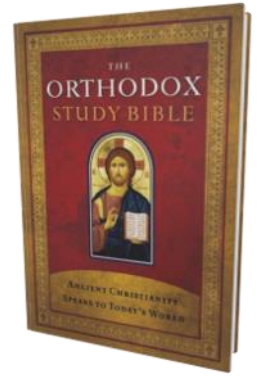
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# Bible Study with Father Alexander



When we list off the books of the New Testament we tend to fall off after we finish all the names of the cities that Paul wrote to: Corinthians, Thessalonians, Colossians, etc. but we do ourselves a great disservice to stop here. In the 3 "Pastoral Epistles" of Paul written to his disciples Timothy and Titus, we read unique and powerful letters about the Church, doctrine, and praxis. Paul's letters to two of his disciples who he loved so deeply grant us a different approach to understanding our faith than his other letters.

Join Fr. Alexander as we journey through these letters and learn what it means to, "preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2). Bible Study will take place every **Monday evening at 7pm** in a hybrid format. Fr. Alexander will be in the Church Office Conference Room while also offering a log-in on Zoom for those unable to join in person. If you are interested, [email Fr. Alexander by clicking here!](#)

## The Giving Tree



Let us come together as a Cathedral family and help those in need this Christmas by participating in **The Giving Tree!** You will find the tree located in the Narthex of the Cathedral. **Simply bring in a gift card or cash and attach it to one of the clips on the tree.** All of the gift cards and cash collected will be donated to **UMOM** so they can share the Christmas spirit with the homeless families they serve.

### About UMOM

Founded in 1964, UMOM is located in Phoenix, Arizona and is an innovative provider of shelter, housing and services for people experiencing homelessness.

- Every night they provide safe shelter and supportive services for over 150 families and 130 single women.
- They offer over 500 units of affordable housing across the Valley.
- They provide healthcare services, childcare, job training and services for veterans.



*By supporting UMOM, you help them maintain and operate shelters that provide families, single women, military veteran families and youth with a chance to turn their lives around.*

***During this season of giving, let's give thanks for the blessings we have, and let's share from our abundance with those in need!***

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Peter & Christina Maydanis  
Stacie McKenzie  
Angela Mead  
Joanne Meris  
Will & Sandy Meris  
Angeline Miller  
Paul Miller  
Bill & Jean Miller

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Phillip & Helen Mitchell  
Dino Moschovitis  
Elias Mousa  
Matthew & Sophie Neumann  
Jerry & Kathy New  
John & Maria Nicholas  
Evelyn Nickalew  
Anthony Nicoluzakis  
Annamarie Nieblas  
Marta Ntatsos  
Pamela & Jeffrey Nolen  
Else Paletsos  
Elizabeth Palmer  
Anna Panagiotakopoulos  
Thanasi & Melissa  
Panagiotakopoulos  
Phillip & Eleni Panagiotoglou  
Sofia Panagiotoglou  
George & Chrysoula  
Papadopoulos  
Socrates & Stephanie  
Papadopoulos  
Betty Papas  
Nick Papas  
Spyros & Rita Papaspyrou  
Angeline Pappas  
Irene Pappas  
John & Andrea Pappas  
Harry & Fannie Pappas  
Gabriella Papatzimas  
Alexander and Olga  
Papamatheakis  
Daniel & Anna Pardhe  
Athena Parmenter  
Kai & Katherine Pedersen  
John & Dina Pesognelli  
Dean & Fotini Pestrivas  
Zoe Pestrivas  
Chris Petroulakis  
Jacque Petroulakis  
Bill & Kathy Petsas

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Brian & Athena Pickett  
Mary Ann Pikulas  
Georgia Pikoula  
Andreas & Mary Poulakidas  
George & Kay Poulos  
Panagiotes & Anthipe Pries  
Chris & Juli Pritsos  
David & Nicole Pyle  
Bertha Quinn  
Lyda Rabbitt  
Greg Sackos  
Lois Sakkas  
Jim & Donna Sampanes  
Dimitra Hotis Sampson  
Paul Sarantes  
John Schneider  
George & Angela Scopelianos  
Diane Sedlacek  
Chris & Terry Seretis  
George & Traci Sgouros  
Jeff & Risa Shaver  
John Siavelis  
Elyse Sioles  
Robert & Donna Sioles  
George & Evi Skintzis  
Elias & Phyllis Skoubis  
Elias & Theodora Staikos  
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Angelo & Marie Spanos  
Leo & Rachel Speliopoulos  
James & Christina Speros  
Jim & Kathryn Stamadianos  
Gerry & Nitsa Stamatelatos  
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Steve & Mary Vrahas  
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# STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021

Please Plan to Attend Liturgy With Your  
Completed 2022 Pledge Card.  
Then Join Us For Our Annual Complimentary  
“Gratitude Luncheon” In the Large Hall.

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# Byzantine Chant

Our Byzantine Chant Class will begin soon! The course is open to all Holy Trinity parishioners, and will cover the notation, the eight Modes of Byzantine Music, as well as participation in and learning about the divine services. Anyone interested in attending should contact **Cantor George Duvall** for more information.

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# Community Outreach Project



## Philoptochos Community Outreach

Philoptochos is collecting for a Community Outreach Project for Kennedy at Loma Linda Elementary School in the Creighton School District.

**DEADLINE to Donate: Sunday, December 5, 2021**  
**Look for the marked box in the Narthex!**

Collecting:

•**Sweaters & Sweatshirts**, new or gently used, all sizes, prefer mostly Youth S & Youth XL, Adult S & Adult XL

- pull-over
- button-up
- zip-up
- unisex, male, female

*Notes: Plain front—no large writing or characters/photos, small logos ok*

•**Pants**, new or gently used, all sizes, prefer Youth 7-12, Husky M & L

*Notes: sturdy, practical, can include jeans and slacks*

•**Stretchy pants**, new or gently used, all sizes, prefer Youth L & XL, Adult L & XL

*Notes: dark colors, current styles*

•**Underwear**, all sizes, unisex, male, female

*Notes: new in package*

Non-Clothing:

•**Clear Backpacks**





# Daughters of Penelope



## Daughters of Penelope Chapter 432 Phoenix

**On behalf of our chapter we would like to wish you *Happy Holidays!***

The Phoenix and Chandler Chapters of the Daughters of Penelope co-hosted the visitation of the Grand President, Grand Governor, District Governor and District Marshal on the evening of November 9th. The visitation was held at Holy Trinity Cathedral and catered by Alexi's. This event was well attended and very informative.



On Sunday November 14th, our Phoenix Chapter hosted Coffee Hour and a bake sale very successfully in honor of the Daughters of Penelope Founder's Day. Alexandra Apostolides established our organization on November 16, 1929.



On Tuesday, December 7th, ladies from our chapter will be attending Cruise Zoolights.

### **Officers:**

Cathy Keyser, *President*  
Angie Lambrou, *Vice President*  
Deedee Staikos, *Recording Secretary*  
Connie Panagiotakopoulos, *Corresponding Secretary*  
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Julie Karoutas, *Officer at Large, AHEPA Liaison*

# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Caroline Economopoulos, President



Are you getting the weekly  
OPA Newsletter?

OPA communicates primarily through email,  
via our email newsletter.

To stay informed on all of the  
youth, parent, and family happenings at Holy Trinity,  
sign up today.

It's easy, just email your information  
[cjecomom@gmail.com](mailto:cjecomom@gmail.com),  
and we'll get you added to list!

SR GOYA  
Holiday Philanthropy  
Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Military Assistance Mission  
provides financial assistance and morale aid  
to struggling Arizona military and their families.

MAM has organized a drive to collect toys for the holidays.  
Collected toys are given to military children in Arizona  
to ensure they're able to have a special new items  
to unwrap during this holidays like all other children.  
This event is the distribution of toy orders/wish list  
for these military children.

This is an outside event, dress for the cooler weather.

**LOCATION:**  
**Sanderson Ford**  
**6400 N 51st Ave**  
**Glendale, AZ 85301**

Tasks at the event will be to greet families, hand out toys  
and assist with the clean up/packing up of the event.

Come help make the holidays special  
for these families.

RSVP to Caroline at  
[cjecomom@gmail.com](mailto:cjecomom@gmail.com) or (480) 200-7051  
if wanting to attend.

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## November's Youth Night



# Youth Night

HOLY TRINITY  
CATHEDRAL

# DECEMBER YOUTH NIGHT

Join us for our usual evening of  
Faith, Fellowship, Fun, and Food but  
with some added Christmas Cheer!

Grades 1-12 welcome!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 5-8PM**

**RSVP TO FR. ALEXANDER BY DEC. 8**

**[AELIADES@HOLYTRINITYPHX.ORG](mailto:AELIADES@HOLYTRINITYPHX.ORG)**

# Cookie Decorating



## Little Lambs Cookie Decorating

**Sunday**  
**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

meet at the large hall  
after Liturgy

RSVP or Questions to:  
Angela Scopelianos (913)638-5991

# Greek Dance

The Holy Trinity Dance Program is back & practices are underway!

Niko Panagiotakopoulos:  
 call/text: (602) 469-2039  
[npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com)



Coffee Social in November



## FDF 2021-2022 Dance Schedule

Date	Day	
10/24/2021	Sunday	Meeting
11/3/2021	Wednesday	Zoom Meeting
11/7/2021	Sunday	
11/10/2021	Wednesday	
11/14/2021	Sunday	
11/17/2021	Wednesday	
11/20/2021	Saturday	Tentative Workshop
11/21/2021	Sunday	
11/24/2021	Wednesday	Tentative Practice
11/28/2021	Sunday	Tentative Practice
12/1/2021	Wednesday	
12/5/2021	Sunday	
12/8/2021	Wednesday	
12/11/2021	Saturday	Tentative Workshop
12/12/2021	Sunday	
12/15/2021	Wednesday	
12/19/2021	Sunday	
12/22/2021	Wednesday	Tentative Practice
12/29/2021	Wednesday	Tentative Practice

Date	Day	
1/2/2022	Sunday	
1/5/2022	Wednesday	
1/8/2022	Saturday	Tentative Workshop
1/9/2022	Sunday	
1/12/2022	Wednesday	
1/19/2022	Wednesday	
1/22/2022	Saturday	Tentative Workshop
1/23/2022	Sunday	Soup & Salad Luncheon
1/26/2022	Wednesday	
1/29/2022	Saturday	Agape Ball (HS+)
1/30/2022	Sunday	
2/2/2022	Wednesday	
2/6/2022	Sunday	
2/9/2022	Wednesday	
2/11/2022	Friday	Tentative Musician Workshop
2/12/2022	Saturday	Tentative Musician Workshop
2/13/2022	Sunday	Tentative Musician Workshop
2/14/2022	Monday	Tentative Musician Workshop
2/15/2022	Tuesday	Dress Rehearsal