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Message from Father Apostolos

Restoration

In March of the year 587 BC, King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and marched the surviving citizens back to Babylon and exile by the thousands. The first Temple built by Solomon was razed to the ground and the pride of Judah was demolished. The exiles would spend seven decades in a strange country, adrift from their homeland.



The Altar Boys have returned to Liturgical services!

Remembrance of this tragedy is kept at the beginning of Great Lent as the 137th Psalm is chanted in the Matins service which begins *“By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion. Upon the willows in the midst of it we hung our harps, for there the captors demanded of us songs and our tormentors demanded mirth, saying: ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion.’ How can we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”*

In reply to this sad Psalm of lament, the 126th Psalm is heard every week of Lent in the Presanctified Divine Liturgy which begins; *“When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men who dreamed, our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with songs of joy.”* But why does this ancient event in the annals of the Hebrew nation appear so prominently in our Lenten services?

Exile in the strange land of Babylon and the return of the captives to their homeland serves as a poignant image of the Lenten experience. Just as we heard in the Sunday of the Prodigal Son before Lent began, we are reminded of the inner exile we suffer when our hearts are cast adrift from God through sin, neglect, and apathy for salvation.

These accounts serve as a spur to our efforts to take seriously the opportunity to return to God through repentance and prayer in the brief Lenten season. And the joy of this return is also depicted for us in the 126th Psalm; *“Restore our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of Joy.”* Great Lent holds out to us the promise and opportunity of restoration.

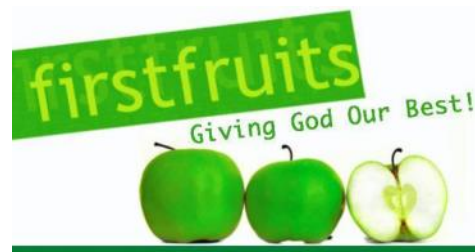
Sadly, the long-neglected yet essential sacrament of Holy Confession is often misunderstood as a place of judgment and retribution because so maligned and misrepresented in American culture. Many are the victims of this misunderstanding who never experience the healing grace of confession, though they may spend their entire life in an Orthodox parish.

But repentance and confession are about restoration and not judgment, as evidenced by the Loving Father who swept the Prodigal Son into His arms and who placed a new robe upon his back and the ring of sonship back onto his finger. Sin is a ravager. It consumes the life and vitality of its prey, stripping away the dignity of salvation and impoverishing its victims.

God, on the other hand, restores that which was stolen from us or even that which we ourselves squandered. We need not remain “by the rivers of Babylon,” weeping. We may, through repentance and the Holy Mystery of Confession, return to Zion with songs of joy! May we take full advantage of this blessed Lenten Spring and find restoration in Jesus Christ.

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



Final 2020 Stewardship Numbers

It is important for us to know what our complete stewardship picture looks like as a community. Below are the final 2020 stewardship financials.

Total Pledged Families or Individuals - 298

Total Amount Pledged - \$403,956.64

286 Stewards contributed \$349,914.67 toward their pledge

88 Stewards increased their giving over their original 2020 pledge by \$21,780.61

Total amount paid toward pledges - \$371,695.28

Number of Stewards Giving:

\$5,000 & over = 14

\$3,000 - \$4,999.99 = 23

\$2,000 - \$2,999.99 = 28

\$1,000 - \$1,999.99 = 70

\$800 - 999.99 = 11

\$500 - \$799.99 = 67

\$300 - \$499.99 = 26

Less than \$300 = 59

Stewardship Testimonials

This is the first in a series of Stewardship Testimonials that will be offered throughout the year. As we hear from our fellow parishioners and what stewardship means to them and how it has impacted their lives, I hope it will encourage each of us to reflect on our own calling for sacrificial giving.

For the first in our series, Koko and Costa Tzavaras share their thoughts and experiences on stewardship. Koko is a lifetime member of Holy Trinity and she and her husband Costa are active and involved parishioners, with generous hearts. Please enjoy their stories.

Stewardship is "utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation".

Every blessing is a gift that is "on loan" to us, and our Lord watches how we recognize our responsibility to share those blessings with others. When we acknowledge that nothing we have or achieve is without God's Grace, it is impossible not to want to thank Him. One of the most significant ways of doing so is by ensuring our church is provided for financially.

Holy Trinity is our home. We worship together on Sundays, we celebrate Christmas, Easter, and a myriad of beautiful services as a church family. This is where we celebrate joyous occasions such as baptisms and weddings, as well as mourn together when loved ones pass.

Steward takes discipline. It requires commitment... to our past as well as our future. Many of us remember the glorious day when we opened the cathedral doors and received Holy Communion for the very first time! Much has happened since then.

As we watch ourselves and other parishioners age, so does our very church. Candles must be available in the Narthex, weekly

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bulletins must be printed, stained glass must be replaced, air-conditioners wear out, roofs need repair, parking lots need paving, trees and shrubs require water. . . the list is endless.

As much as I love our annual Greater Phoenix Greek Festival, Greater Phoenix is not responsible for paying the bills of Holy Trinity. We stewards are.

Payment to our beloved Holy Trinity should be offered with a happy heart, full of commitment and a desire to put God first. How we must sadden Him when a lack of priorities result in Stewardship pledges not being kept.

Blessings abound when stewardship is given! Where we focus our hearts, attention, and efforts, there we will find great abundance!

Bless our church as you are blessed. Love and cherish it as you long to be loved and cherished. Trust that your money is going to a most worthy cause as you walk the path that God has for you, until He calls you home.

*Faithfully,
Koko Tzavaras*

Stewardship is something I never really thought about until I realized that I took my church and my faith for granted. As many of you know, I am a retired veteran, and once you've traveled the world and lived in austere locations for months, or even a year, you really miss more than a Gyro at the festival. You begin to miss more than home. You miss the opportunity to worship in a free country and you'll do anything to get back there. I began to actually have a conversation with God.

Sure, I'm a veteran. But first and foremost, I am an Orthodox Christian. On that note, I didn't ask God to get me home. No promises of living better if I made it out of the desert. No deals. Just a few simple questions: Did I live my life worthy enough if today is my last day on earth? Did I make a difference to my community? My church? My family? Above all, is my SOUL ready to go? Other than that, I also prayed that I wouldn't screw up the mission as other's lives depended on me. Where is a good Greek Orthodox Chaplain when you need one? Just my luck, I found out the Air Force only had two, and they weren't in the Middle East.

So please, I invite any one of you to take a vacation to the Middle East and not Dubai. Sub Saharan Africa, but not a safari. Go ahead and visit the Far East, and I don't mean South Korea. Instead, take a peek at Iran and see if North Korea has a good hotel. See what oppression is really like around the world. You'll pray a lot harder and thank your lucky stars you live where you can worship freely. Maybe you'll even give more in stewardship and get your priorities in line when you return. I certainly did.

Don't wait until it's too late and you think your scorecard is enough to get you into Heaven. Trust me, it isn't. While stewardship is between you, God, and your church, we all know deep down that we don't want any regrets when we meet our maker. That's not the time to wish a life lived differently. Let's take care of our church, our souls, and He will ensure that we live life abundantly. I certainly know that we all try to live by FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FOOD, and FUN, (and for me, FLYING!). It's who we are here at Holy Trinity! But we can do better. God's Holy Trinity home is falling apart and He needs us to repair it. I'm all in!

It will be wonderful to see you all around campus again soon!

Costa "Chachi" Tzavaras

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!



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

Membership Drive going on now!

Next Meeting on
Thursday, April 1, 2021
6:00pm
IN PERSON *and* by ZOOM
Speros Community Center



JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2021

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 2021, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Philoptochos Pascha Bake Sale

Good News! The Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale is back! All sales are pre-order only and will be available for pick-up on Sunday, April 25. An order form is included below and forms will also be available every Sunday in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Davis at 480-703-4713.



ST. KATHERINE PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

ITEMS AVAILABLE:

TSOUREKI \$10 each (please specify quantity & type): _____ PLAIN _____ ALMOND _____ SESAME
TOTAL \$ _____

KOULOURLAKIA \$7 dozen (how many?) _____ TOTAL \$ _____

PAYMENT:

CHECK NO. _____ AMOUNT \$ _____
(Please make check payable to: **PHILOPTOCHOS**)

CREDIT CARD # _____ CVV _____ EXPIRATION _____ ZIP _____

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

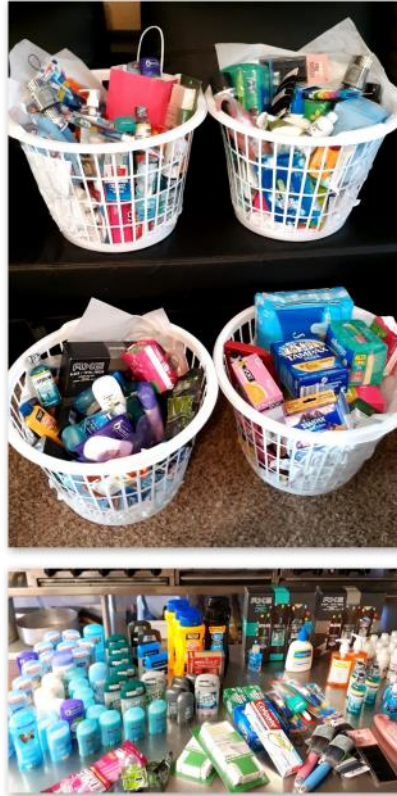
**PHILOPTOCHOS
4022 E HAMBLIN DR
PHOENIX, AZ 85050**

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2020!

ALL ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25 ONLY.
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL PATTY @ 480-703-4713.

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

One of Holy Trinity Cathedral St. Katherine Chapter's continuing missions is support of a local public elementary school. Kennedy at Loma Linda's student population is often in need of the basics. In the past, our chapter has worked to assist these families by donating classroom supplies. Most recently, we "stocked up" the school's nurse's station with personal care hygiene items, allowing Nurse Kevin to distribute as needed. Thank you, as always, to our community, who help us help them.



Upcoming Trays

Next up:

Palm Sunday "Passing of the Tray" in support of the Epitaphio Flowers

April 25, 2021

and

Holy Friday "Passing of the Tray" in support of the Chapter

April 30, 2021

If you'd like to contribute, but are not able to in person, click here:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLFJWSZT32HBA/checkout/GOEWRJIZ7OBTXBKNDWYJ7L26>



Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

2021 Scholarship Application

The Holy Trinity Cathedral Philoptochos Society will be offering two, one-thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarships to Holy Trinity students attending college in the fall of 2021. Listed below are the eligibility requirements:

1. Student and/or family must be a Steward of Holy Trinity Cathedral
2. High school students must have graduated in the spring of 2021 and attending college in the fall of 2021
3. College students may also apply as continuing students or in graduate programs in the Fall of 2021
4. Applicants must submit:
 - A copy of 2020-2021 transcripts
 - College acceptance letter
 - A resume including school, church & community activities

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2021

If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee or Philoptochos.

Georgana Frieh 480-945-0800 Mary Louise Theodoropoulos 602-943-5080

Mail to: Philoptochos Scholarship, 1973 E. Maryland, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

High School or College presently attending:

College(s) Accepted to: _____

GPA: _____

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos



DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to all those who lovingly preserved cherished family recipes and passed them on from generation to generation so we may now enjoy the flavor of traditional Greek Culture.

THE GRECIAN GOURMET

Sponsored by

The Philoptochos Society
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
Phoenix, Arizona

Diana Harris - Editor
Mark Nicholas - Illustrator

Originally created and published in 1984, the Grecian Gourmet is in its third printing!

This popular cookbook is still sold at the Original Phoenix Greek Festival and through the Philoptochos Chapter. Get yours by contacting Eva Goodman at 602-565-3936.

Expression of Appreciation

The Ladies Philoptochos, the compilers and sponsors of this cookbook, would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many people of our community who generously donated family recipes to complete our collection of Greek Cuisine.

The Philoptochos Society
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

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RIZOGALO - RICE PUDDING
Marlon Contes

8 egg yolks (8 whole and 2 yolks)
2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 tsp. arrowroot

Combine milk, rice and sugar in large pan and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Lower heat and simmer for 1 hour, stirring once or twice. Beat eggs and vanilla, slowly add milk, skinned or spooned into hot mixture, stirring constantly, until thickened. Pour into individual glass or large Pyrex 9 x 12-inch cake pan. Sprinkle with walnuts, sugar or nutmeg as desired. Serves 12 to 15.

UNCLE GEORGE
Helen Stamatis Glitsos

1 egg yolk
1 tsp. vanilla
Cinnamon (optional)

ROURAMBIDES WITH PECANS
Helen Stamatis

1 1/2 c. shredded butter
2 c. brown sugar
1 1/2 c. walnuts

ROURAMBIDES WITH CREAM CHEESE
Helen Stamatis

2 c. cream cheese
2 c. brown sugar
1 1/2 c. walnuts

QUICK AND EASY CUSTARD PIE
Kaliopo Stavrou

4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 to 1 c. shredded coconut

COCONUT RAVANI
Helen J. Haritos

1 c. flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. farina

APPETIZERS

ARTICHOKE APPETIZERS
Kaliopo Stavrou

1 can artichoke hearts, drained
1 can paper towel
small thin party sliced rye bread

YEMISTA
Helen J. Haritos

mayonnaise or cream cheese
Feta cheese
large cucumbers



As you may be aware, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey issued an Executive Order that rescinded COVID-19 related restrictions on Thursday, March 25th. However, His Grace Bishop Ioannis, the Metropolis Chancellor advises that all Metropolis Covid guidelines will remain in place until lifted by the Metropolis. Therefore, wearing masks, 6-foot distancing and hand sanitizing upon entering the Cathedral are still required. We appreciate your continued cooperation on working together to keep all of our parishioners and clergy safe and healthy.

In addition, as our Covid numbers continue to decline and more citizens are getting vaccinated, we are working hard to return to a sense of normalcy, in a safe and responsible manner.

Starting Sunday, March 28th...

Holy Communion will be offered at its usual time during the Liturgy.
Antidoron will be passed out by the priests at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Beginning Sunday, April 4th...

Bibles and Liturgy books will be returned to the pews.
Paper bulletins will be available again in the Narthex.
The St. Nectarios Bookstore will be open for 30 minutes at the conclusion of Liturgy.

Sunday School will continue being offered to our youth, as well as coffee hour outside.

We appreciate the cooperation and support from all of our parishioners. We are grateful to you all and we pray for a beautiful and blessed Lent and Pascha.

With Love in Christ,
*Fathers Apostolos and Alexander
and Your Parish Council*

Self Sign In!

As Covid-19 vaccinations continue and the metrics surrounding the virus trend in a positive direction, we are returning to our previous “Sign-In for Liturgy” instead of the “Sign-Up for Liturgy Online” model.

Sign in under the day of the week sign-in sheet located in the purple binder on the podium in the Narthex.



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Sunday of Orthodoxy

March



Greek Bicentennial Doxology

Sunday, 03/28/2021



March Coffee Socials

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, parishioners socialized outside the Cathedral and Chapel after Sunday Divine Liturgies.
Part 1



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Part 2



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

New! All services can now be found on the **Home Page** of the
Cathedral's website
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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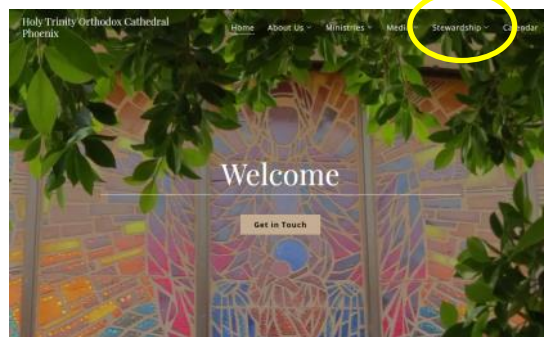
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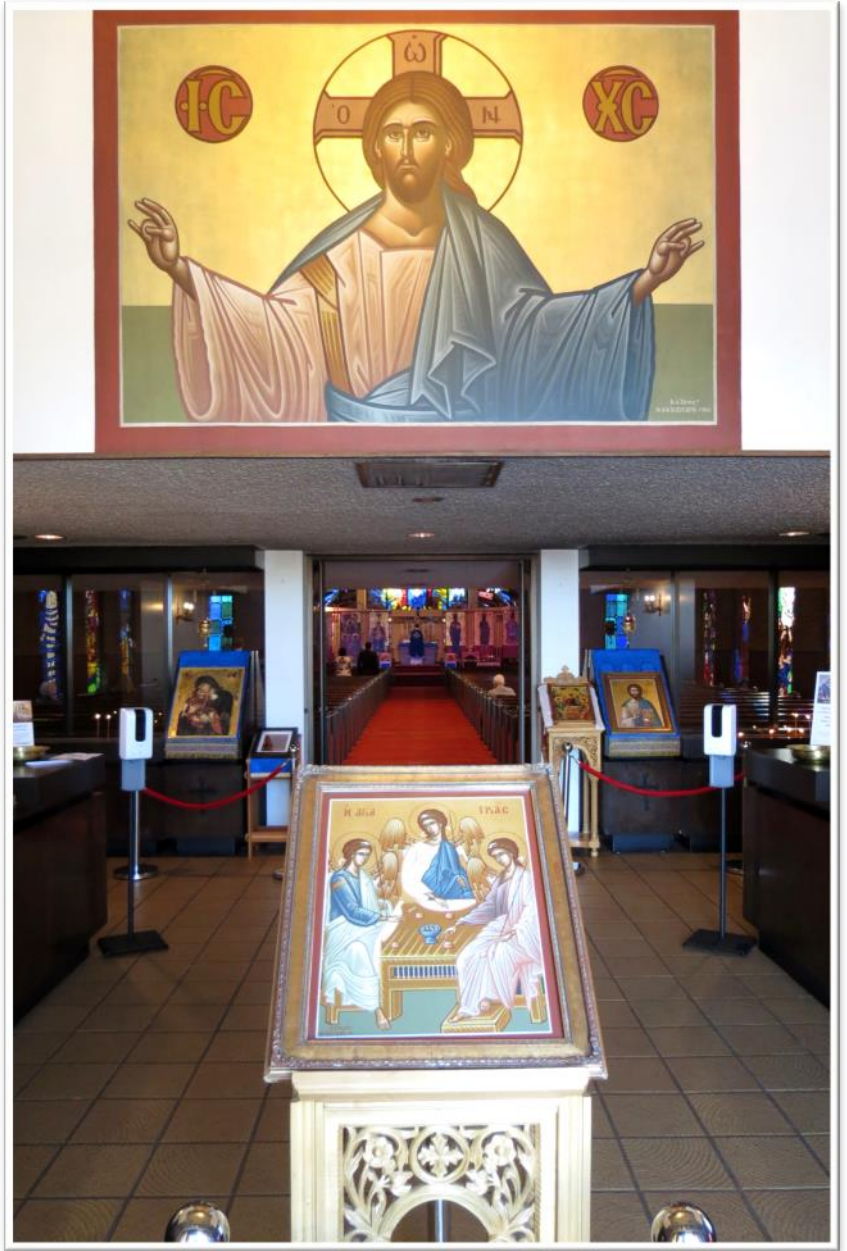
Fr. Apostolos Bible Study!

Join Fr. Apostolos in his Bible Study on ZOOM every **Saturday at 9am!**

The study is titled "Experiencing the Psalms" and will provide an in-depth survey of how the Psalter came to be over 1,000 years by multiple authors, how the Psalms were used in worship in the Old Testament, and how they are used in Orthodox Worship today.

We will examine how to incorporate the Psalms into our Rules of Daily Prayer and how to navigate them as our personal prayer book.

Zoom ID is 84203179482 and the Password is 026451



Divine Liturgy Class

Fr. Alexander Class on the Divine Liturgy

Join us on **Mondays at 7pm** on ZOOM as we begin to dissect the Divine Liturgy. We will see the development and history of the Liturgy as well as doing a "prayer-by-prayer" of the center of our life as Orthodox Christians.

Zoom ID is 360 179 3722 and the password is HTPhoenix



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.

Palm Sunday Brunch

04/25/2021



PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Hosted by the Brothers of
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St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Rita Papaspyrou

The Five Sundays of Great Lent

First Sunday of Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy



The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

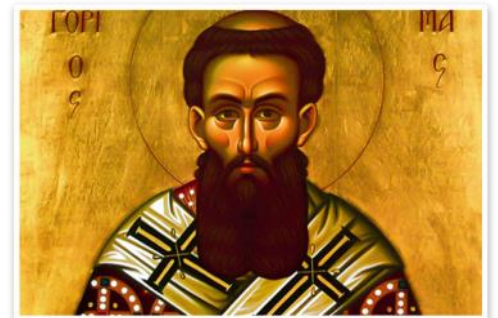


The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands".

Second Sunday of Lent: Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

On the Second Sunday of Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica, the Wonderworker. The feast day of Saint Gregory Palamas is November 14, however, he is commemorated on this Sunday as the condemnation of his enemies and the vindication of his teachings by the Church in the 14th century was acclaimed as a second triumph of Orthodoxy.



Third Sunday of Lent: Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week. The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for

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commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

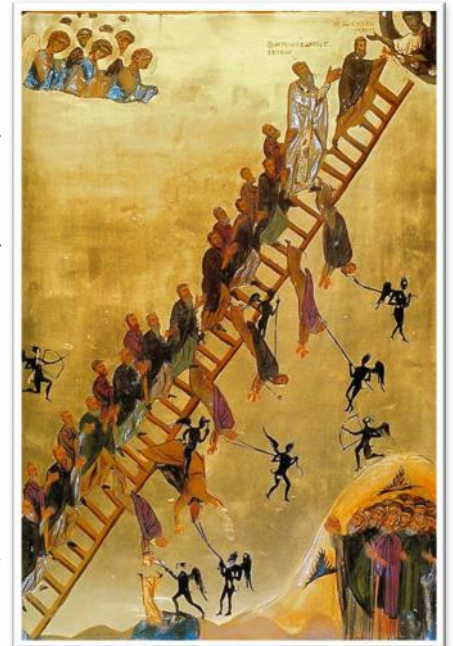
As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.



As they who walk on a long and hard way and are bowed down by fatigue find great relief and strengthening under the cool shade of a leafy tree, so do we find comfort, refreshment, and rejuvenation under the Life-giving Cross, which our Fathers “planted” on this Sunday. Thus, we are fortified and enabled to continue our Lenten journey with a light step, rested and encouraged.

Or, as before the arrival of the king, his royal standards, trophies, and emblems of victory come in procession and then the king himself appears in a triumphant parade, jubilant and rejoicing in his victory and filling those under him with joy, so does the Feast of the Cross precede the coming of our King, Jesus Christ. It warns us that He is about to proclaim His victory over death and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection. His Life-Giving Cross is His royal scepter, and by venerating it we are filled with joy, rendering Him glory. Therefore, we become ready to welcome our King, who shall manifestly triumph over the powers of darkness.

The present feast has been placed in the middle of Great Lent for another reason. The Fast can be likened to the spring of Marah whose waters the children of Israel encountered in the wilderness. This water was undrinkable due to its bitterness but became sweet when the Holy Prophet Moses dipped the wood into its depth. Likewise, the wood of the Cross sweetens the days of the Fast, which are bitter and often grievous because of our tears. Yet Christ comforts us during our course through the desert of the Fast, guiding and leading us by His hand to the spiritual Jerusalem on high by the power of His Resurrection.



Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam's gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Sunday of St. John Climacus

On March 30 and on the Fourth Sunday of Holy Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Righteous Father John Climacus. He is called Climacus due to his authorship of the great spiritual work *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. His commemoration is designated by the Church on one of the Sundays of Lent as his life and writings affirm him as a supreme bearer and proponent of Christian asceticism. The ascetic example of this great Saint of the Church inspires us in our Lenten journey.

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Sunday of Mary of Egypt



Our holy mother Mary was born in Egypt. She had left her parents at the age of twelve to go to Alexandria, where she spent the next seventeen years in debauchery and the greatest profligacy. Living on charity and linen-weaving, she nevertheless offered her body to any man, not being forced to it by dire necessity as were so many poor women, but as though she were consumed by the fire of a desire that nothing was able to appease.

One day, seeing a crowd of Lybians and Egyptians moving towards the port, she followed them and set sail with them for Jerusalem, offering her body to pay her fare. When they arrived in the Holy City, she followed the crowd that was thronging towards the Church of the Resurrection, it being the day of the Exaltation of the Cross. But, when she reached the threshold of the church, an invisible force prevented her entering in spite of repeated efforts on her part, although the other pilgrims were able to go in without hindrance. Left alone in a corner of the narthex, she began to realize that it was the impurity of her life that was preventing her approaching the holy Wood. She burst into tears and smote her breast and, seeing an icon of the Mother of God, made this prayer to her: "O Sovereign Lady, who didst bear God in the flesh, I know that I should not dare to look upon thine icon, thou who are pure in soul and body, because, debauched as I am, I must fill thee with disgust. But, as the God born of thee became man in order to call sinners to repentance, come to my aid! Allow me to go into the church and prostrate before His Cross. And, as soon as I have seen the Cross, I promise that I will renounce the world and all pleasures, and follow the path of salvation that thou willest to show me."

She felt herself suddenly freed from the power that had held her and was able to enter the church. There she fervently venerated the Holy Cross and then, returning to the icon of the Mother of God, declared herself ready to follow the path that the Virgin would show her. A voice replied to her from on high: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find rest."

She lived forty-seven years without ever encountering either another human being or any animal. Protected by God, who desires nothing but that the sinner should turn to Him and live, she uprooted all the passions from her heart by means of this extraordinary asceticism, and was able to turn the fire of carnal desire into a flame of divine love that made it possible for her to endure the implacable desert with joy, as though she were not in the flesh.

Sunday School

Calling Parents & Young Adults

Please consider joining to help re-forming Sunday School

We have begun the process of brainstorming and thinking of ways to re-energize our Sunday School program.

Are you a parent or young adult who wants to help form our children in their faith?

Please consider helping with Sunday School in the Fall in any capacity that you can.

Reach out to Andi at alfourlis@mpsaz.org



2021 St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

We invite all our youth from 7-12 Grade to join in the

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.

This process is one of the most beneficial in our Church as it invites our young people to research into their faith and stand up and speak about it!

Please encourage your child to join.

Email Chris Francis: battersbox7@yahoo.com to learn more.



Parish Directory

There are three ways for YOU to be included in the 2021 Holy Trinity Parish Directory.

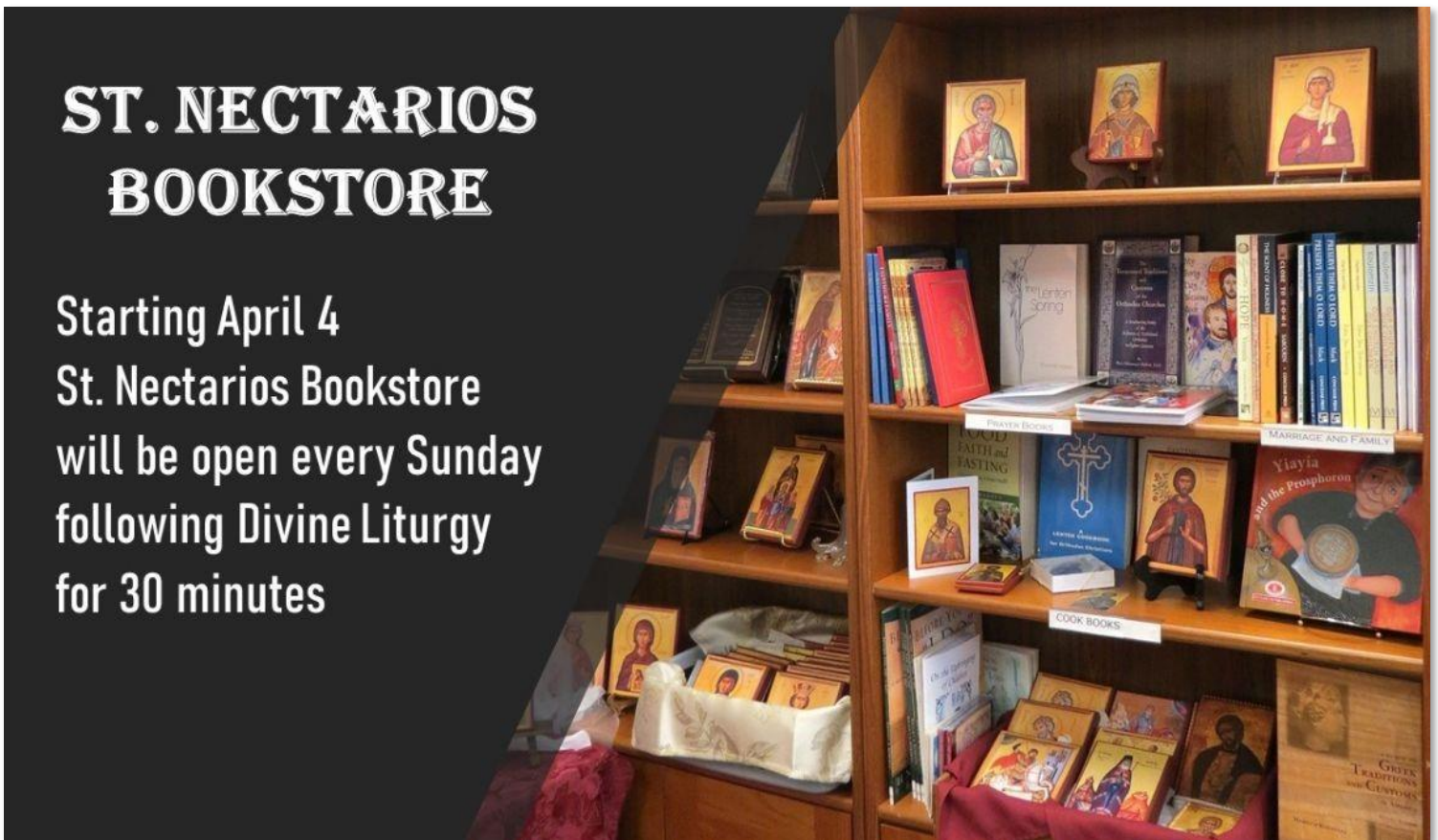
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****Need a photo taken of yourself or your family?*** On Sunday, April 11, 2021, following Divine Liturgy, snapshots will be taken outside the Cathedral during Coffee Social.

ST. NECTARIOS BOOKSTORE

Starting April 4
St. Nectarios Bookstore
will be open every Sunday
following Divine Liturgy
for 30 minutes



Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests



Dear Desert Diamonds &
Friends,

A bus trip to **St. Anthony's Monastery** in Florence is being planned. Information will be announced shortly to reserve your spot.

I would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions for activities or to submit additions or corrections to our contact list.

God's blessings to one and All.

Yours in Christ,

Julie Karoutas
email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com
cell: 623-313-8720 call or text

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!

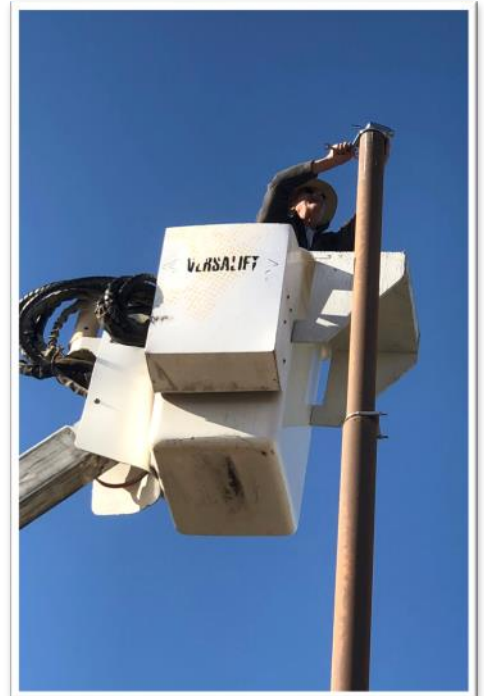
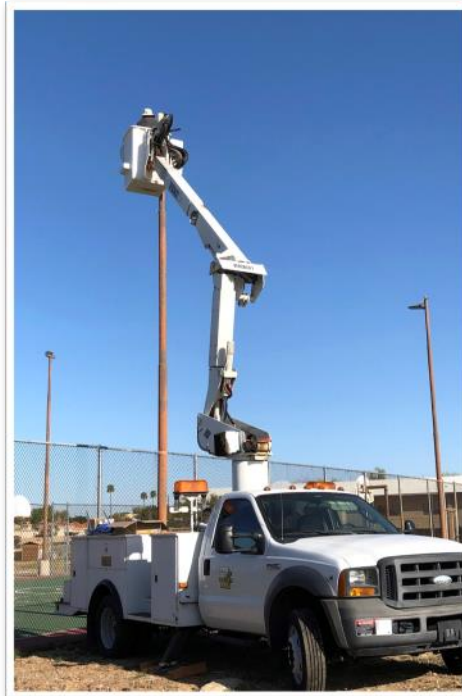


Maintenance Corner

By Ted Fourlis



The maintenance team has continued to focus on needed projects. The conversion to LED lighting at the basketball court is nearing completion. Special thanks to Jerry Zannis for the use of their boom truck! Lighting repairs are in process in the ramps leading up the Educational Building as well. The Valonis Bros patched and painted the walls for Father Alexander's office and the wall looks great! We will continue to keep you posted on our progress of current and upcoming projects.



Salutation Icon Flowers



Salutation Icon Flowers

Decorating the Annunciation Icon each week of Lent is an Orthodox tradition, and a lovely way to memorialize loved ones by supporting our Cathedral.

Suggested donation of \$50.

Complete this form and return with your donation to the Cathedral Office, or enclose in an offering envelope and place in collection tray.

Donor name: _____

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Please provide your order by April 21, 2021.

Questions? Please call the Cathedral office: 602-264-7863



Pascha Flowers

Pascha Flower Donation

Remember beloved family and friends and beautify the Cathedral with plants this Pascha.

Donations of \$20.00 per remembered individual or married couple are appreciated.

Complete this form and return with your donation to the Church office or enclose in an offering envelope, to place in a collection tray.

Please provide your order by April 23, 2021.

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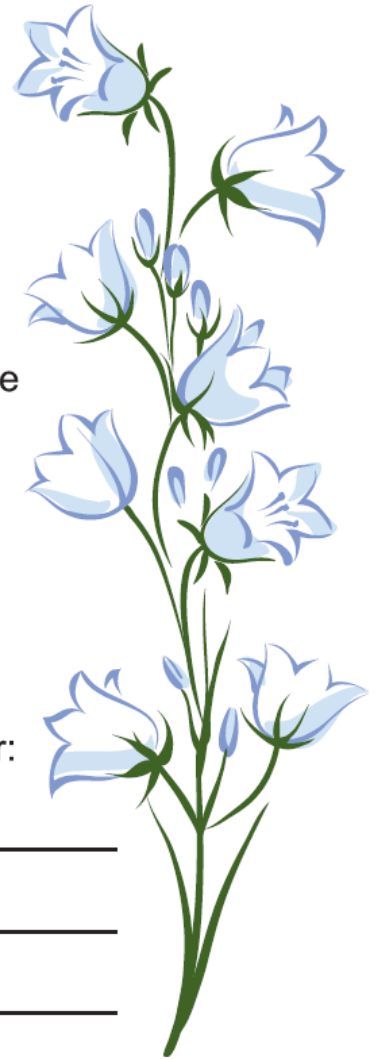
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This FREE Stay-At-Home event is a new way to bring our communities together at the comfort of your own home. Register TODAY to get your Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you!

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Myrrhbearers

Good Friday and Pascha

Calling for girls 5th grade to 9th grade to serve as Myrrhbearers for Good Friday and Pascha.

The role as Myrrhbearers is a blessed opportunity for young girls of our community to serve the church and participate in the services during Good Friday and Pascha.

Our first Myrrhbearers meeting to go through all information and dates for practice **this Sunday, April 4, 2021** **after church in the Narthex.**



If you are interested please contact Stacey Beaty by phone or text at 623-826-9970 or email staceybeaty@live.com.

Palms Needed

before Saturday, April 24th
for Palm Sunday and Palm Crosses.

We need Palm Fronds to decorate the altar,
and make crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday.

Please contact Natalie in the Cathedral **Office**



What YOU Can Do to Make Visitors Feel Welcome

Have you noticed new faces? 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 socially distance walk with them to Coffee Hour. A personal connection goes far!



MEETING INFORMATION



AHEPA Chapter 219 will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday April 8, 2021 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral (HTGOC) starting at 6:30 PM for a night of fellowship and camaraderie. The meal will be in accordance with Lenten guidelines. Please come out and support the brothers as all social distancing and mask guidelines will be in effect and the meal will take place outdoors.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?
CONTACT STEVE LEMERE
770-990-6825**

Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director
Gabiella Papatzimas, Teacher



Greek School missed their annual March 25 program in the Church Hall, but our Greek School didn't forget our heritage. Instead, of a live program we made a video to remember our ancestors. Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!

Thank you to all our Greek School students who participated:

Dimitri Tsontakis 6, Margaret Scopelianos 7, Sophia Panagiotakopoulos 6, Themelis Miaoulis 6, Charlie Carver 7, Leonithas Mackos 8, Nikoleta Mackos 10, Daniele Perkovich 14, Alexa Perkovich 11, Giorgio Cooper 10, Mihali Papamathakis 10, Stavro Papamathakis 4, Katerina Papamathakis 13



Watch here:

<https://youtu.be/-cVqwRmfpk4>

200 year of Independence from the Ottoman rule! We, as Greeks, would not be here today without our heroes who fought for our freedom.

Theodoros Kolokotronis (April 3, 1770–February 4, 1843) Kolokotronis was a Greek general and the pre-eminent leader of the Greek War of Independence (1821–1829) against the Ottoman Empire. Kolokotronis' greatest success was the defeat of the Ottoman army under Mahmud Dramali Pasha at the Battle of Dervenakia in 1822. In 1825, he was appointed commander-in-chief of the Greek forces in the Peloponnese. Today, Kolokotronis ranks among the most revered of the protagonists of Greece's War of Independence.

Georgios Karaiskakis Born Georgios Iskos (January 23, 1780 or January 23, 1782–April 23, 1827) was a famous Greek klepht, armatolos, military commander and a hero of the Greek War of Independence.

General Yannis Makriyannis (1797–1864) Born Ioannis Triantaphyllou, was a Greek merchant, military officer, politician and author, best known today for his Memoirs. From humble beginnings, he joined the Greek struggle for independence, achieving the rank of general and leading his men to notable victories. Following the Greek independence, he had a tumultuous public career, playing a prominent part in granting the first Constitution to the Kingdom of Greece and was later sentenced to death but pardoned.

Athanasios Diakos (1788–April 24, 1821) Diakos was a Greek military commander during the Greek War of Independence, considered a venerable national hero in Greece.

Rigas Feraios or Rigas Velestinlis (1757–June 24, 1798) Feraios was a Greek writer, political thinker and revolutionary, active in the Modern Greek Enlightenment, remembered as a Greek national hero, a victim of the Balkan uprising against the Ottoman Empire and a pioneer of the Greek War of Independence.

Papaflessas (1788–1825) Born Georgios Dimitrios Flessas, he was a Greek patriot, priest, and government official of the old Flessas Family. The prefix papa- in the name "Papaflessas" indicates his status as a cleric since the word means "priest" in Greek. He was ordained to the highest position of priesthood, Archimandrites, in 1819.

Laskarina Bouboulina (11 May 1771–22 May 1825) was a Greek naval commander, heroine of the Greek War of Independence in 1821, and an Admiral of the Imperial Russian Navy. Bouboulina was born in a prison in Constantinople; she originated from the Arvanite community of the island of Hydra. She was the daughter of Stavrianos Pinotsis, a captain from Hydra island, and his wife Skevo. She married twice, first Dimitrios Yiannouzas and later the wealthy shipowner and captain Dimitrios Bouboulis, taking his surname.

Churchwide Fundraiser

Let us come together as a church family during this Lenten period and help those in need. St. Mary's Food Bank has been hit especially hard as they have helped more local families than ever during the pandemic. They need our help to feed struggling families.



St. Mary's Food Bank ALLIANCE

Holy Trinity Community Outreach Lenten Project

We will be collecting
non-perishable food items
from Sunday, March 14 - Pascha on May 2

Please leave your items
in the designated boxes
in the Narthex.

We are also accepting monetary donations.
Send your checks to the church office,
and mark "St. Mary's Food Bank" on the memo line of your check.

Food items most needed are:
Soups and Stews • Rice • Pasta • Beans • Tuna
Peanut Butter • Canned Vegetables • Canned Fruit

"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you did for one of my brothers or sisters, you did for me." Matthew 25:34-40

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

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Are you getting the weekly
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OPA communicates primarily through email,
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To stay informed on all of the
youth, parent, and family happenings at Holy Trinity,
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It's easy, just email your information

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Join other High Schoolers from across the Metropolis on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm PST during Lent for weekly presentations and discussions by different priests from across the Metropolis!

REGISTER HERE: gosfyouth.org/goya#/orthotalks



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SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 | 7PM MT

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Come hear from Fr. Chris Rowe, OCMC Development Officer, as he shares his experience on how a life in Christ brings us closer together.

Questions? Contact events@ocmc.org



Youth Night

March 13, 2021



Photos by Father Alexander and Caroline Economopoulos

Next Youth Night



Save the Date Youth Night:


Saturday,
April 17, 2021

For all youth
1st Grade-High School
5:00 pm Vespers
followed by a night of faith, fun, food,
and fellowship!

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

APRIL YOUTH NIGHT

An evening of faith, fun, fellowship, and food!



SATURDAY, APRIL 17
5-8PM

Join us for a night of faith, fun, fellowship,
Lenten food, and dance! All Youth from 1st
Grade-High School are welcome!

Please RSVP to Fr. Alexander @
aeliades@holytrinityphx.org

Little Lambs



Little Lambs' Annual Easter egg hunt

Palm Sunday
April 25th, 2021

Any questions,
Contact Angela Scopelianos
913.638.5991

Little Lambs Playground Play

Sunday, March 21, 2021



ORTHOTALKS FOR LENT

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. PST during Lent for weekly presentations and discussions.



Cultivating Why am I here? What is the purpose of life? a Purposeful Life

Cultivating an Enquiring Life



Rev. Father Peter Dogias
March 18

Cultivating a Determined Life



Rev. Father Chris Retelas
March 25

Cultivating a Committed Life



Rev. Father Nicholas Mueller
April 1

Cultivating a Confident Life



Rev. Father Panagiotis Sotiras
April 8

Cultivating a Servant Life



Rev. Father Christos Kanakis
April 15

Cultivating an Authentic Life



Rev. Father Jacob Saylor
April 22



For more information, please contact program facilitator Rev. Father Gary Kyriacou
Metropolis Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
(frgary@sanfran.goarch.org)



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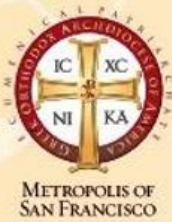
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A Lenten Journey

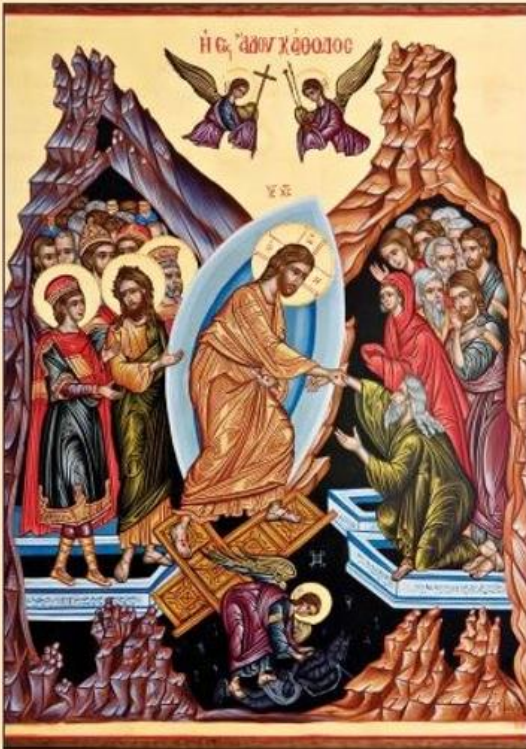
Volunteer Opportunity for High School and College Students

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that connects you to your faith? Become a volunteer today!

A LENTEN JOURNEY



TO GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA *Metropolis-wide Youth Religious Education Program*



- 11-week virtual youth Religious Education program
- Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- Lessons will include key themes of the liturgical cycle beginning with the Tridion, continuing into Great Lent, through Holy Week and concluding with Holy Pascha.
- Classes will be held on Zoom every Sunday beginning February 21 from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PST. The last session will be held on Good Friday, April 30.
- Sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Christian Education Ministry, in collaboration with the Orthodox Youth Mentorship Program of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Camarillo, CA.
- A team of volunteer teachers will engage students with lessons, activities, and service projects. High school and college students will participate as mentors and activity leaders.
- **Register Today!** There is no cost to attend, but registration is required, prior to Friday, February 5, 2021.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to participate in insightful lessons, activities and service projects, all designed to enrich their Lenten journey and prepare them for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection," stated His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco.

"Our children deserve the best opportunities to be empowered with knowledge on their faith, and especially during these times of ongoing physical separation, this program creates an opportunity to enhance fellowship and friendships from across our Metropolis."



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