

# Desert Springs






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## SANCTUARY WINDOW ICONS

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<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>THE ANNUNCIATION</b> Luke 1:26-38 Celebrated on March 25</p> <p>This icon beautifully depicts the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel brought the Good News to Mary that she would bear a child who would be the Savior of our souls. On the left we see Gabriel running to Mary to announce this news and on the right Mary, although a bit shocked by the news, accepting it with the words that we must all respond to God with in our life, "Let it be done to me according to your word." We also see depicted here the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit in the form of the ray that brings about the incarnation of our God, Jesus Christ.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>SAINTE NICHOLAS OF MYRA</b> 4th Century Celebrated on December 6</p> <p>Known to many throughout the world as "Santa Claus," St. Nicholas was actually a real person and a true saint of our Church. He was born to well-to-do parents and inherited their estate but was extremely generous in giving it all away. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council refuting the heresy of Arius that said Jesus, the 2nd Person of the Trinity, was a created being and therefore not fully God. The association with gift-giving comes from a story that he once rescued 3 daughters of a man out of slavery by anonymously providing enough money for them to have dowries.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>BAPTISM OF CHRIST (THEOPHANY)</b> Matthew 3:13-17 Celebrated on January 6</p> <p>We see shown here the Baptism of Jesus Christ, called Theophany in our Church, as we read about in all of the Gospels. He is baptized by John the Baptist, his cousin and it is called Theophany because we see the Triune God (Trinity in Greek) shown (left) in one event. The voice of the Father comes down declaring Jesus to be His Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit resting upon Him in the form of a dove. The Baptism of Christ is the same Baptism we are all baptized in as well for He came to cleanse us of our sins and our Baptism cleanses us of our sins.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>SAINTE STEPHEN THE FIRST-MARTYR</b> Acts 6 and 7</p> <p>St. Stephen was the first person killed for his faith in Jesus Christ as we read in Acts 6 and 7. His defense and speech to a great oration in defense of the Christian faith in and of itself in chapter 7. He was also one of the first deacons of the Church, serving the needy and poor and is depicted here in the vestments of a deacon and holding a censer as a deacon does in our services today.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>THE ASCENSION</b></p> <p>The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father." He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit many days from now" (Acts 1:5). His Mother, the Virgin Mary is centrally shown here below looking up at her son as He ascends.</p> 
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<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST (CHRISTMAS)</b></p> <p>The simplicity of the story of Christ's birth reveals the depth of God's love and the mystery of His actions in our life. As we celebrate Christmas anew every year, once again Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and wise men, the angels and animals direct our attention to the Lord Jesus. He who is truly the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) who reveals Himself in the humble circumstances of a cave in Bethlehem. All of time is centered upon His coming. God comes into the world out of His great love for us to show us the way back to God, even as a little child.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>SAINTE ATHANASIOS THE GREAT</b> 4th Century Celebrated January 18</p> <p>St. Athanasios is strongly tied to the icon of the Birth of Jesus as he is the author of perhaps the greatest work concerning how God became Man. "On the Incarnation" (at the age of 20 or so). St. Athanasios was at the center of the controversy and hereby opposed by Arians who declared Jesus was not fully God. Because of his defense of the Truth, Athanasios was exiled to Gaul in 336 but returned in 337. Unfortunately he was again exiled, this time to Rome, but soon returned in triumph again. His entire life was spent under persecution for his strong stance in defending Jesus Christ.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>THE TRANSFIGURATION</b> Matthew 17:1-8 Celebrated August 6</p> <p>The Transfiguration is an immensely important event in the Gospels that often does not get the attention that it truly demands. Jesus brings His 3 closest disciples up Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John. At the top of the Mountain He shows them His Divinity which He always had but out of His love did not reveal because it would blind and overwhelm any who saw it, as it did to Peter, James, and John. It is one of the most important statements of the Divinity of Jesus Christ and shows us that we too are called to imitate Him and be done by climbing the mountain of life to Him.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>SAINTE GERASIMOS</b> 16th Century Celebrated October 20</p> <p>Born in Greece he left his home and went throughout various lands, and finally came to Cephalonia, where he restored a certain old church and built a convent around it, where it stands to this day at the place called Omata. He finished the course of his life there in asceticism in the year 1570. His sacred relics, which remain incorrupt, are kept there for the sanctification of the faithful. He is well-beloved by many Greeks for his miracle-working presence on the island of Cephalonia off the coast of Western Greece.</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p><b>PENTECOST</b> Acts 2 Celebrated 50 Days After Pascha (Easter)</p> <p>Often considered the "Birthday of the Church," Pentecost is one of the Great Feasts of the Church as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples who had gathered together after the Lord's Ascension. It is this Descent that gives them the power of God; they go from a group of men, unsure of their next move and mostly covering in a room, to those who go to the ends of the earth, each being filled for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. We each receive the Holy Spirit at our "personal Pentecost" when we are baptized into the Church and this empowers us to spread the Gospel as well and live a godly life.</p> 
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# Message from Father Alexander

## Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!

As we once again round into the Holiday Season, our Church continues in Her cycle of readings that are offered throughout the year. Interestingly, many of the upcoming Gospel readings on Sundays speak about a theme that underlies our secular understanding of the season. Our consumerist world tries to sell the idea that this is the “Season of Giving” but the message truly is, it is the season of buying, of storing up for ourselves, making ourselves more comfortable, and enjoying our lives (and maybe giving a little to others when convenient).

We indeed center our lives around eating, drinking, and being merry for the next 2 months, paying attention to those in need mostly when it is simply useful for us and then returning to our comforts. The Lord warns us sternly in some upcoming Gospels: The Gospel of the Rich Man who has a plentiful harvest and instead of looking outside himself and giving some away, builds a bigger storage barn for himself to live off of without cares for the rest of his life. The Lord castigates him saying, “Fool, tonight your soul is demanded of you!”



The Rich Man and Lazarus  
Luke 16:1-31

Again we will read of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Rich Man feasting sumptuously every night and not paying attention to the poor man, Lazarus who sat at his gate every week. When they died it was the suffering of Lazarus that brought him to Eternal Rest and the ingratitude and selfishness of the Rich Man that brings him to the Eternal Fire.

What would we do indeed if we thought our soul would be demanded of us every night? Would we seek this building of bigger barns and bank accounts, or would we seek to give? Would we fall into the trap that our world seeks for us to fall into: just eat, drink, and be merry this season! Or would we ponder on our Lord's

Incarnation, how God became man and dwelt among us. We must think about how this season of Thanksgiving is one wherein we should truly be giving thanks, not just at the table on Thanksgiving Day, but in every moment for all the wondrous things God as done for us.

The centrality of thanksgiving is shown in our Church when we come together every Divine Liturgy for the Eucharist, giving thanks to God by offering Him our meager wine and bread which He deigns to make into His own Body and Blood. We owe everything to Him, let us always dwell on this and give thanks unto God in every moment of our life by giving of what we have and worshiping our God who so showers us with everything we need.

# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



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

INTRODUCING STEWARDSHIP 2023...

## Giving Thanks Eucharistic Stewardship

We are excited to announce the Stewardship Theme for 2023... ***Giving Thanks - Eucharistic Stewardship.*** *The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. This is what we do when we celebrate the Divine Liturgy - we are giving thanks. The Eucharist - the sacrament of Holy Communion - is the focus of our parish life.*

Stewardship is our response to God's grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (I John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. The question of the Psalmist "What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?" (Ps 116:2), is answered in every liturgy when we pray, "Let us offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God."

But how can we possibly thank God for all he has given us? "What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits toward me?" (Ps 116:2), is answered in every Liturgy when we pray, "Let us offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God." One way to give back to the Lord is through stewardship - we give of our time, talent and treasure.

It is during this season we are asked to prayerfully consider what our stewardship commitment can be. How much time can I give to the church? What are my talents I can lend to the church? What is my financial situation and how much money can I donate to the church? The Lord calls us to give 10% of our income to the church. Everyone's situation is different. Some have more to give while others do not. But if we are each giving what we truly can afford to give (in time, talent and treasure) then we are doing the best we can. So please take this time, leading up to Stewardship Sunday on December 11th to consider your gifts to the Lord. We are grateful for all of our stewards and thankful for your generosity.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY GRATITUDE LUNCHEON**

**Sunday, December 11th**

All are welcome to join us for our annual **free** luncheon as a show of thanks for your generosity toward our beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral. The luncheon will be held in the Community Center following Divine Liturgy.

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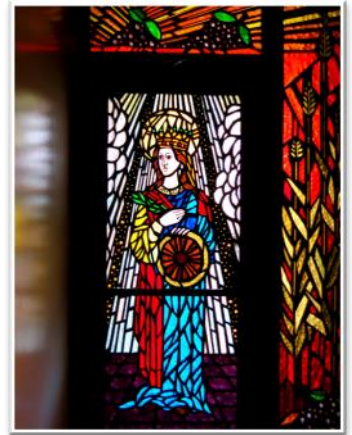
## The Great Entrance

**May the Lord our God remember us all in His Kingdom, always, now and for ever,  
and from all Ages to all Ages. Amen.**



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President



St. Katherine faceted glass icon in the south wing of

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**Next Meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2022  
at 12:00 pm  
in the Speros Community Center**



Thank you to  
October hostesses  
Cathy Keyser,  
Georgi Friehe, and  
Patty Davis!



What is Philoptochos?  
The translation is Philo = Friend  
and Ptochos = Poor.  
It is literally "Friend of the Poor".

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# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

## Philoptochos Bake Sale

### GOOD NEWS!

St. Katherine Philoptochos of Holy Trinity Cathedral is having its annual Christmas Bake Sale on December 18<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. We are taking prepaid orders for Koulourakia, Tsourekia, and Baklava starting Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday following until December 11<sup>th</sup> (which is the deadline for ordering). The baked goods ordered will be delivered on December 18<sup>th</sup> during the bake sale. We look forward to providing delicious baked goods for your Christmas celebration.

*As always, Philoptochos thanks you for your continuing support!*

*thank  
you*

Koulourakia \$10.00 per dozen  
Tsourekia \$12.00  
Baklava \$25.00



Our twice-yearly bake sales help support our many missions!





# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

## Coffee in the Conference Room!

# EVERY TUESDAY!

9:30-11:00 am  
No RSVP needed -  
just stop on by!



## Fall School Project—Collecting for Sweatshirts



Community leaders at the Kennedy at Loma Linda K-8th grade school have requested sweatshirts for their students in need. The school has requested specific types of sweatshirts in their school colors, so it will be best to collect money to purchase the requested sweatshirts in bulk.

We will be accepting monetary donations from Sunday, 11/06/2022 to 12/11/2022.

Look for collection boxes starting Sunday, November 6, 2022 in the Narthex and in the Community Center.

# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival

Blessing of the Opening—October 7, 2022



## Our Festival Was Another Huge Success

Thank you to all our parishioners who worked hard to ensure it was a resounding success! A special thanks to the three co-chairs: Ted Fourlis, Nick Kretsedemas and Angelo Pestrivas. We are grateful for your

leadership and tireless dedication. And to all our parishioners who baked, cooked, organized, set up, worked countless hours and tore down, we are grateful to you. It takes a small village to pull off our festival and everyone does their part to make it all come together. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

THE ORIGINAL PHOENIX  
**GREEK**<sup>®</sup>  
*Festival*  
61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL

## Festival Church Tours

We are pleased to announce that more than 3,000 people attended our Festival Cathedral Tours this year. These self-guided tours received very positive feedback from those who attended and we look forward to bringing them back next year. We will be reaching out to everyone who attended the tours and invite them back to next year's festival and to attend a future Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all of our parishioners who volunteered and helped facilitate. Thanks to Kristen Bruskas and Fathers Apostolos and Alexander for organizing them.

## Thanks To Our Friends Of The Festival

A huge thanks to all those who donated to our Friends of the Festival campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we were able to raise **\$31,275** to offset some of the festival expenses. Every dollar counts! Thank you again for your generosity and willingness to donate!

# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival Church Tours

Photos by Kristen Bruskas

New signage helped make the tours this year a big success!



# Leadership Retreat

October 15, 2022

\*T\*ogether

\*E\*veryone

\*A\*chieves

\*M\*ore



# Akathist to St. Demetrios

October 26, 2022



# 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 \$644,340.00.

***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.**

The simple and smart way to give a portion of your estate to Holy Trinity: ask your banker, broker, realtor, life insurance agent to simply put a TOD or POD designation on your property or account, and select the percent of that account you wish to pass to Holy Trinity. TOD= transfer on death, POD= payable on death. This designation will transfer that percentage to Holy Trinity, on your passing, and avoid costly probate.

**+ CONSIDER GIFTING HIGHLY APPRECIATED STOCK. +**

**+ 72 AND OLDER, SAVE TAXES BY GIVING FROM YOUR IRA. +**

# 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

*Platinum donors—\$100,000.00 or more:*

Faye Boukas, John George Thomas, George and Ann Souvall

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Ange & Alex J. Pappas, James & Connie Contes, Dennis & Anastasia DeBerry,  
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### 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, IMO+ Bette Maniatis, IMO +Dan Lester Hill

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

# Youth 4F Night—November

Join us on Saturday, November 19 at 4:30-8pm for our November 4F Night speaking about the Eucharist and Liturgy! 4F should be a priority for you and your child's schedule as the main avenue of catechism for our children so please make every effort to join us. Please RSVP [here](#).

## Our Youth

### Church in the Home

If the faith is not spoken about in the home, there is no point in attempting education at church at all. To better equip our families, we developed a simple **one page handout "Church in the Home"** for each Sunday that will be sent out every week as well as printed in the Narthex on that Sunday's Gospel. These contain the Gospel, a small paragraph explaining context and background and some discussion questions for the whole family to grow in their faith.

### Sunday Lessons



# Celebration Committee



## Let's Celebrate!

On the first Sunday of each month, the Celebration Committee organizes a potluck during coffee hour to celebrate all the special events in parishioners' lives and birthdays that take place in that month. Please join us every month and bring your favorite food item to

share! As always, the goal is to help the faithful get to know each other better and to grow closer as a spiritual family. We especially encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to the monthly potluck.

In October, we had a record potluck attendance and a wonderful list of special occasions. Fr. Apostolos and Pres. Denise celebrated their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary while Bill and Lynn Graham celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We wish them many more years! In addition, we had a baby shower for Johnny and Elizabeth Kratsas and celebrated the 40-day-blessing for Clara Eleni (daughter of Cara Doll and George Rodopoulos).



Along with all these special events, we celebrated the October birthdays who either listed the date on their pledges cards or notified the Celebration Committee. Please see the following pages for a flier of October birthdays.

Each table was covered with golden brown overlays and white tablecloths and decorated with beautiful fall-inspired arrangements. A "Celebration" half-sheet cake donated by Kathy New along with lemon-themed desserts donated by Kristen Vasilarakos adorned the cake table. The side tables were decorated with yellow, orange, and white balloons. Blue balloons and a "little pumpkin" banner accented the baby shower table. A birthday card for Presv. Denise and anniversary cards (donated by Stephanie Papadopoulos) were circulated during coffee hour as well.

Thanks to all who have participated in the monthly potluck, sharing your favorite food item. Again, we greatly appreciate those who have shared their milestone events with our Holy Trinity Christian family. If you or someone you know from the parish is celebrating a baby, a birthday, an anniversary milestone, or any other special event, please let the Church Office or the parish Celebration Committee know so that we can celebrate as a community! You can contact the church or send an email with suggestions and details to: [htcphxevents@gmail.com](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com).



# Celebration Committee—October Celebration



# Celebration Committee

## November Birthdays!



# You're Invited!



## 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.

[holytrinityphx.org](http://holytrinityphx.org)

*Have you checked out the website lately?*

*Events • Services • Photos • Calendar • Stewardship*



## What *YOU* Can Do to Help 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 walk with them to the Coffee Social. A personal connection goes far!

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



# Turkey Bowl!

## 2nd Annual Turkey Bowl!

Join us Thanksgiving morning at 9am at Granada Park for our 2nd Annual Turkey Bowl Football Game. Everyone in High School and above is welcome to play and all are welcome to join in fellowship and watch a riveting football game. Please email or text Fr. Alexander if you wish to play.



# Christmas Decorations Request

## Altar Fund Donations Requested

Fr. Apostolos would like to replace our aging Christmas Holiday garland and decorations. If you would like to contribute to the beautification of our Cathedral during the Advent season, please mark your contribution as "**Altar Fund Christmas decorations**". Thank you!

# Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests

Julie Karoutas

email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com), cell: 623-313-8720 call or text



Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends,

Many Thanks to All who participated in any way for our Festival! It turned out wonderfully! Unfortunately, circumstances caused the Daughters of Penelope Picnic to be cancelled, so sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused anyone planning to go. Some of you however, did attend the AHEPANS picnic at McCormack Ranch & enjoyed a good time.

Let us gather together in November for Brunch, on **November 15th at 11:30am, "The First Watch Restaurant"**, 3215 E Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018, tel.# 602.955.3447, and plan our December 2nd, 2022 Christmas party and Gift exchange. I have several surprises in store for you!!! Please RSVP to either my email address; text or leave a voicemail with your name & names of guests that are coming, reservations need to be made in advance.

May God Bless you and yours in the upcoming Holiday Season.  
We have much to be grateful for.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Julie Karoutas*

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

Cell# 623.313.8720

# Parish Council Self-Nomination is Open!

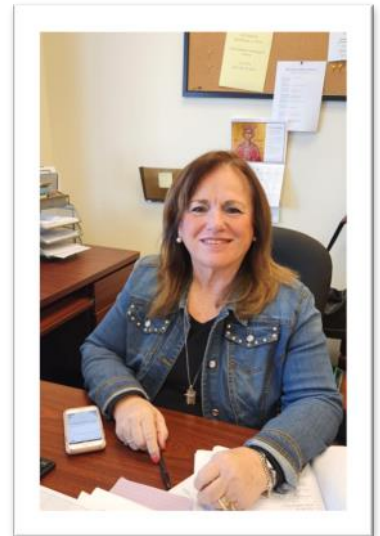
Please contact the office or watch for the link to the document for application to be on the ballot for the elections of the Parish Council, happening on **Sunday, December 4**. Applications are due on **Monday, November 14** and applicants must attend the Parish Council seminar on **Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM** in the Cathedral Office before the Vespers service at 5:00 PM **OR** on **Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM**. A reminder, Parish Council members must be sacramentally active Orthodox Christians, members in Good Standing of this parish, and active in it's Liturgical life.

## Welcome to Our New Office Manager!

The Parish Council and Fathers Apostolos and Alexander, join me in welcoming **Heidi Demopoulos Bass** as our new Cathedral Office Manager.

Heidi has had experience as Director of Customer Service, Operations Manager, Purchasing Manager, and Facility Maintenance responsibilities in her long career. We are pleased that she started on October 31. Please feel free to stop in the office and say "hello" as she joins Yvonne and me in the office.

Paul Katsenes, Parish Council President



## \*Free\* Wheelchairs & Walkers Available!

If you or someone you know is in need of a 2-wheel walker, a 4-wheel walker or a wheelchair, please let Natalie in the office know so we can arrange to give them to you..



## 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](#)



## Donations

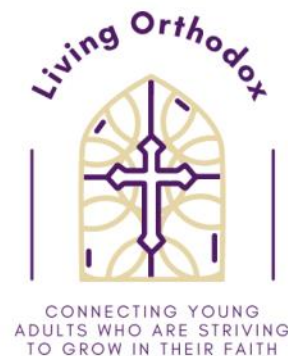
We greatly value all your donations! Please remember, when you write us a check, to include your **intention for the donation and your envelope number in the memo line**. i.e. stewardship, candles, etc.

*Thank you all!*



# Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry

Living Orthodox is a national, pan-Orthodox ministry that is building a community of young adults (18-35) who are striving to grow in and connect with their faith! The ministry, first launched at Holy Trinity Cathedral, has already spread to seven parishes in Arizona and beyond. The focus of this ministry is to highlight ways that we, as young adults, personally grow in our Orthodox faith (ex. attending services, reading books, listening to podcasts, watching spiritual videos, etc.) and to share ideas on how to increase our commitment to live an Orthodox life. Join us on for virtual meetings every other week and in-person for our monthly potluck discussions!



Over twenty-five young adults attended the October potluck for fellowship and to discuss the theme “Participating in the Music Ministry of the Church”. Mr. Samuel Herron gave a presentation on the theological significance of music in the Orthodox church. Fr. Michael Pallad from St. Haralambos Church and Ms. Terri Alexon also spoke at the event and shared their journeys that led to their current roles in the music ministry. A more detailed overview of the presentations will be published next month.

Please visit <https://linktr.ee/livingorthodox> for links to our Instagram channel and Discord server and email [livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com](mailto:livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com) if you have any questions. If you know of young adults who might be interested in joining, please encourage them to reach out to us via email or Instagram!

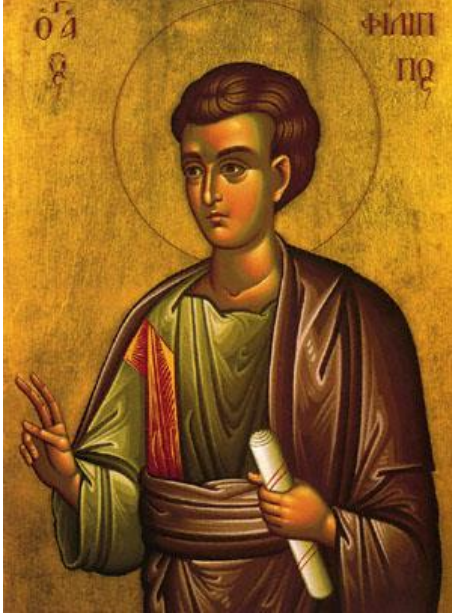
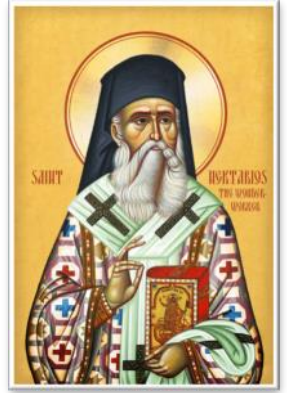


# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou  
[stnectariosphx@gmail.com](mailto:stnectariosphx@gmail.com)

## Holy Apostle Philip

Commemorated November 14



The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip, was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly discerning the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him.

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. Thus, he restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece, and preached among the Jews that had settled there. Some of them reported the preaching of the Apostle to Jerusalem. In response, some scribes arrived in Greece from Jerusalem, with one of the Jewish chief priests at their head, to interrogate the Apostle Philip.

The Apostle Philip exposed the lie of the chief priest, who said that the disciples of Christ had stolen away and hidden the body of Christ. Philip told instead how the Pharisees had bribed the soldiers on watch, to deliberately spread this rumor. When the Jewish chief priest and his companions began to insult the Lord and lunged at the Apostle Philip, they suddenly were struck blind. By his prayer the Apostle restored everyone's sight. Seeing this miracle, many believed in Christ.

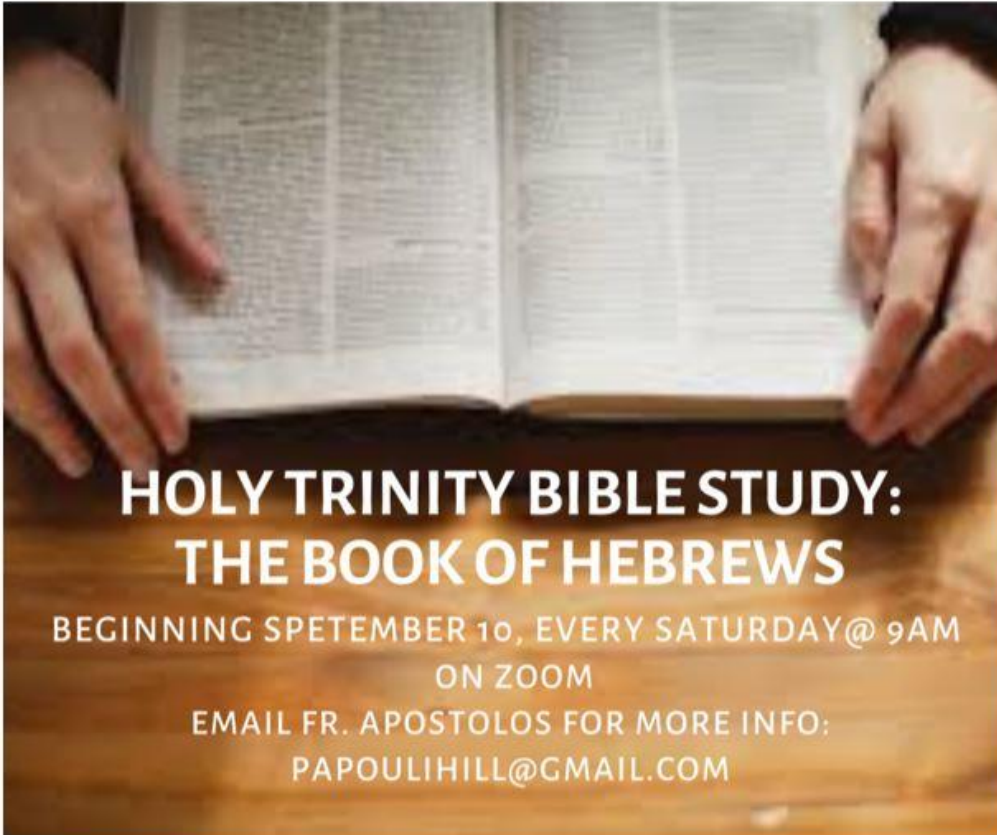
When the Apostle Philip arrived in the city of Phrygian Hieropolis, he saw that there were many pagan temples. There was also a pagan temple where people worshiped an enormous serpent as a god. The Apostle Philip by the power of prayer killed the serpent and healed many bitten by snakes.

Among those healed was the wife of the city prefect, Amphipatos. Having learned that his wife had accepted Christianity, the prefect Amphipatos gave orders to arrest Saint Philip, his sister, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with them. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles Philip and Bartholomew to be crucified.

Suddenly, an earthquake struck, and it knocked down all those present at the place of judgment. Hanging upon the cross by the pagan temple of the serpent, the Apostle Philip prayed for those who had crucified him, asking God to save them from the ravages of the earthquake. Seeing this happen, the people believed in Christ and began to demand that the apostles be taken down from the crosses. The Apostle Bartholomew was still alive when he was taken down, and he baptized all those believing and established a bishop for them.

But the Apostle Philip, through whose prayers everyone remained alive, except for Amphipatos and the pagan priests, died on the cross.

# Bible Study

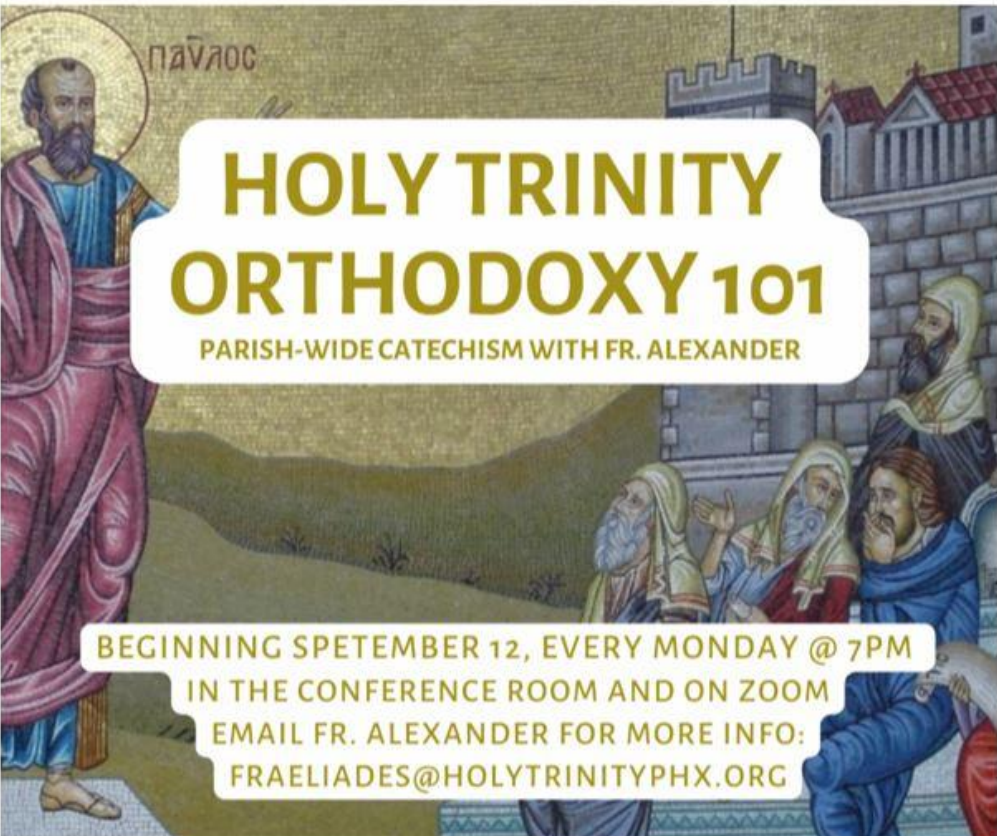


**HOLY TRINITY BIBLE STUDY:  
THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, EVERY SATURDAY @ 9AM  
ON ZOOM

EMAIL FR. APOSTOLOS FOR MORE INFO:  
PAPOULIHILL@GMAIL.COM

# Orthodoxy 101



**HOLY TRINITY  
ORTHODOXY 101**

PARISH-WIDE CATECHISM WITH FR. ALEXANDER

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, EVERY MONDAY @ 7PM  
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND ON ZOOM

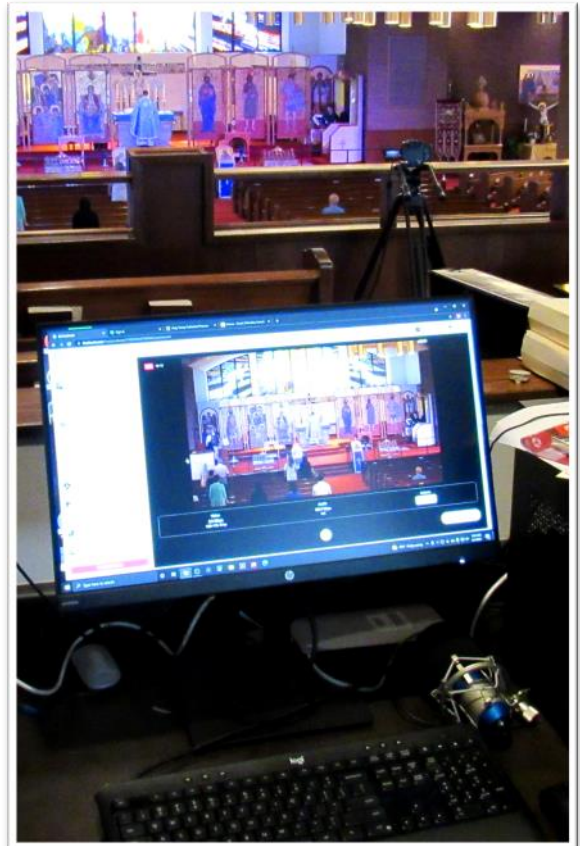
EMAIL FR. ALEXANDER FOR MORE INFO:  
FRAELIADES@HOLYTRINITYPHX.ORG



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 text Kristen at 602-332-8809.

*If you have been receiving the mailed Desert Springs, but no longer need it mailed to you, please let the Church Office know. Thank you!*

### *Desert Springs* Subscription

Enjoy color copies of Holy Trinity Cathedral's *Desert Springs* delivered to you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the Church Office or contact Kristen at 602-332-8809

# Coffee Hours

Thank you to **Choir** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in October.

The November Coffee Hours are sponsored by **Dance**.



*Thank you!*



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



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

*John 1:5*

*Light  
the Path*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
**11:00 am**  
**St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church**  
**4949 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California**  
In support of the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid  
Endowment Fund. Join us! More details coming soon!

# AHEPA Chapter 219

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## AHEPA CHAPTER 219

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Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 17th

6 PM

Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Community Center

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**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

**CONTACT STEVE LEMERE**

**770-990-6825**

# AHEPA Chapter 219

## COMMUNITY PICNIC



Photos by Nick Maydanis

# Daughters of Penelope

Helenos Chapter 432,  
Phoenix, AZ



This month we pay homage to **Alexandra Apostolides** pictured below:



Mrs. Apostolides created our women's organization, Daughters of Penelope (DOP), in 1929, with the support of her husband, Dr. Emanuel Apostolides, an Ahepan. The first DOP Chapter, Eos Chapter No.1 in San Francisco, CA, was born on November 16, 1929.

Today, we continue her legacy as a voice to legislators, both state and federal. We are volunteers and philanthropic fundraisers. And we are committed to education as “ the key to leadership.

Please join us in celebrating Founders Day after liturgy on November 13 in the Church Hall for Coffee Hour hosted by our DOP Helenos chapter. We will have a small holiday craft boutique, bake sale, and “grab & go” lunches. Proceeds from this event will be shared between Harvest Compassion Center, which supplies life necessities to individuals and families in need and Helenos Chapter 432 to be used for future philanthropic endeavors.

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, our **Helenos Chapter initiated two new members:**

**Initiation attendees from left to right:** Christine Stamatis, Connie Panagiotakopoulos, Angie Lambrou, Betty Carras, Rena Bornstein, Toni Pandi, Cathy Keyser, **\*\*Debbie Kunkel, \*\*Effie Bouras,** Julie Karoutas and Irene Schniepp (not pictured).  
**\*\*signifies new members**



**Our annual Christmas party** will take place on December 10, 2022 on the Desert Belle at Saguaro Lake. The celebration includes a cruise followed by lunch at the Shiprock Restaurant. If you would like to join in the fun, please consider becoming a member.

## **Officers:**

Cathy Keyser, *President*

Angie Lambrou, *Vice President*

Deedee Staikos, *Recording Secretary*

Connie Panagiotakopoulos, *Corresponding Secretary*

Anastasia Mitchell, *Treasurer*

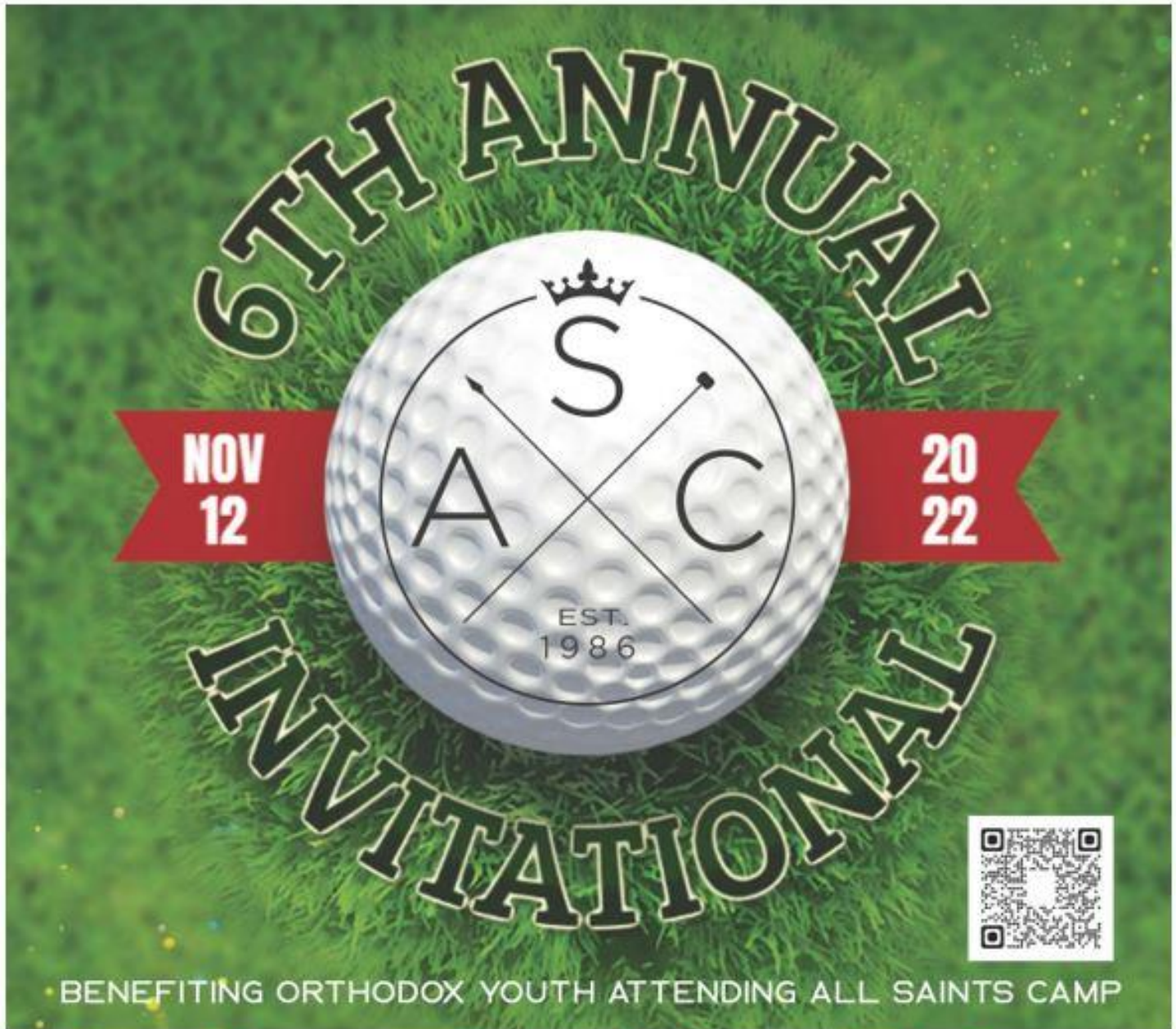
Jennifer Bilitsis, *Marshal*

Julie Karoutas, *Officer at Large, Ahepa Liaison*

**If you are interested in joining, please contact Angie Lambrou (Vice President) by email:**

**[angie.lambrou@cox.net](mailto:angie.lambrou@cox.net)** or by phone at (480) 473-4906

# All Saints Camp Fundraiser



## *When & Where*

**NOVEMBER 12, 2022**

8:00 AM Shotgun  
6:30 AM Registration

### **STARFIRE GOLF CLUB**

11500 N Hayden Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

### **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Assumption Community Center  
8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

## *Event Highlights*

### **4-PERSON SCRAMBLE**

- 18 Holes of Golf
- Player Swag Bag
- Grab & Go Breakfast
- Hole-In-One Opportunities
- Fun On-Course Activities
- Cool Contests
- Team Awards
- Awards Luncheon

## *Entry Fees*

### **VIP PACKAGE**

(Entry Fee + Super Ticket)

VIP Individual Entry \$250  
VIP Foursome Entry \$1,000

### **REGULAR ENTRY\***

Individual Entry \$200  
Foursome Entry \$800

*\*Super Tickets may be purchased on event day for \$75 per player.*

# 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  
[ciecomom@gmail.com](mailto:ciecomom@gmail.com),  
and we'll get you added to list!

## OPA Meetings

One of the unique things about Holy Trinity Cathedral has always been OPA (Orthodox Parents Association) and their ability to facilitate ministry. This year we would like to empower the parents of different age groups to have meetings in their homes and other social outings with our groups:

HOPE: Grades 1-3

JOY: 4-6

Jr. Goya: 7-8

Sr. Goya: 9-12

If you are interested in heading up some outings or hosting your child's age group at your house, or simply learning more about OPA, please email Caroline Economopoulos [here](#).

Please also join us also for OPA's informational meeting on **August 14** after Divine Liturgy in the Hall. Refreshments will be offered.



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.



# Little Lambs

By Debra Harrison

Little Lambs Parade at the Festival!



# Senior GOYA Bowling

October 23, 2022





# Sr. Goya Bonfire

Join us next Sunday, **November 6** at 7pm for a bonfire discussion for our High Schoolers.



## Other Opportunities

Reach out to Fr. Alexander [here](#) if you'd like to learn how your children can be involved as Altar Boys, in the Choir, learn Byzantine Chant, join our Greek School, or any other ministry of interest.

Of course you and your children are welcome to join for both Bible Study and Catechism Class throughout the year. More information will be forthcoming on this soon as well.

Our children have been entrusted to us by God to return them to Him as much like Him as they can be. Whether your child will prioritize God and the Church when they grow up is dependent on you prioritizing it when they are home with you. If other events and activities take precedent now, they will take precedent later.

We are all on a journey to Christ together as a Cathedral family, join us this year as we march forward towards Him.

Fr. Apostolos Hill  
Fr. Alexander Eliades



# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

## Senior Goya Discussion

This upcoming school year we will hold a meeting with our Senior Goya (Grades 9-12) the first Sunday of every month (unless noted below) at 7pm. This will provide our High Schoolers with a great opportunity to connect with each other and their faith. Please mark these dates down:

**November 6**  
**December 4**  
**January 8**  
**February 5**  
**March 5**  
**April 2**  
**May 7**



There is also a possibility of a Sr. GOYA trip to *San Francisco* in the Spring, keep a look out for that exciting venture!

## Greek Dance

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Director  
Email: [npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com)  
Call/text: (602) 469-2039



See you there!

## FDF Practice Starting:

Wednesday, November 2nd

7:00 PM

## Mandatory Parent FDF Meeting

Sunday, November 6th

During Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy