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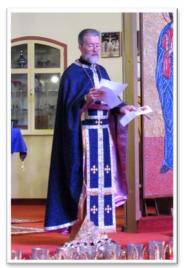
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Message from Father Apostolos

Holy Week



No one can truly understand the Orthodox Christian Faith without first experiencing Holy Week. This sentiment has been shared in many books, articles, and homilies over the years and is as true today as ever. In the Orthodox Christian worldview, all of history is at its root *salvation history* in which the saving works of Jesus Christ are of supreme importance.

Holy Week provides sojourners with Jesus an opportunity to accompany Him from the raising of Lazarus in Bethany, through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and on to His betrayal, passion, death, entombment, and glorious Resurrection. Time itself is experienced differently in the liturgical observance of these soul-saving events. The word " $\Sigma\dot{\eta}\mu\epsilon\rho\sigma$ " or "today" begins many of the hymns sung during Holy Week which commemorate the events of Passion Week,

underscoring the timelessness, the eternal *now*, of Jesus' offering of Himself as the Unblemished Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

As Orthodox Christians, we are richly blessed with the breadth of liturgical services which escort the faithful along the path of Jesus' supreme act of Love for the world, all the while providing commentary and encouragement for us to fully avail ourselves of the salvific potential of Holy Week. Quite unlike other faith communions, Holy Orthodoxy does not accommodate itself to our short attention spans and over-scheduled lives. She doesn't abridge the services to a feel-good least common denominator 'worship' experience. No, the gritty reality of the public execution of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, is on full display.

Those who choose to amend their weekly routines for this one week of the year to enter deeply into the soul-saving Passion of Jesus will arrive at the Paschal celebration exhausted and spent. The twenty-one services from Lazarus Saturday through the Agape Vespers service of Pascha afternoon exact a toll, certainly on the celebrants and liturgists charged with performing the rites. Yet, our momentary discomfort and slight inconvenience pales when compared to the spectre of Jesus being stretched out on the cross of Calvary to ransom us from death and Hell.

How might we enter more fully into the life-giving mystery of divine Love experienced during Holy Week? What ultimate value do we place on the all-important question of where our souls will be assigned once we have taken our last breath upon this earth? St. Peter poses the question this way;

"...what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." (2 Pet. 3:11-13)

World-shaking events are unfolding by the hour and outcomes once thought safely consigned to humanity's tragic past are now being whispered as possibilities. Certainly, now is a time for

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prayer and repentance, a time to reorient our lives to the everlasting Kingdom and to commit ourselves to Jesus Christ without quibbling, excuses, or equivocation. The timing of the arrival of Holy Week this year seems especially providential against the background of burning skies

over Ukrainian cities reduced to rubble and set

aflame.

Surely, this is the year to challenge the established practice of boycotting Holy Week until Friday evening. If it is true that one cannot understand Holy Orthodoxy without experiencing Holy Week, then the broader and more intentionally the experience the deeper one's faith can grow! Perhaps, this might be the year that we muster the courage to participate in the Bridegroom Matins services which remind us of the Second Coming of Christ and the Great and Final Day of Judgement.

Surely, this can be the year that we assemble on **Holy Thursday evening** for the Passion Gospels Matins service as the Holy Cross of Christ is processed around the darkened Church to the wailful lament "*Today is suspended upon the Tree, He who suspended the land upon the waters.*" Perhaps this can be the year that we remove our school children from the classroom on Holy Friday to observe the day of Jesus' death and burial.

Fr. Alexander and I will be offering a parish retreat on Saturday, April 9th, from 2:00 PM through the evening Vespers at 5:00 PM to explain the many services of Holy Week, their significance and import, to heighten our collective understanding of them and to draw us more deeply into the embrace of God who offered up His only-begotten Son to secure our salvation and deliver us from death. Please make plans to join us and may our journey through Holy Week be a catalyst for spiritual renewal in each of us.

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





Photos from 2016 Holy Thursday Evening



Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT OFFERING AID TO THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS

We are all keenly aware of the devastating situation happening in Ukraine. There could not be a more perfect time than during Lent for us to reach out and help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Along with prayer and fasting, almsgiving is one of the most important acts we can offer during lent. Join us as we offer our support to **International Orthodox Christian Charities** (IOCC) in their fundraising efforts to support the suffering Ukrainian people.

Simply include a check in the offering trays on Sundays made out to IOCC and add "Ukrainian Crisis" in the memo line or visit their website to donate directly: www.iocc.org.

Initial work in Ukraine includes providing generators, fuel, and other emergency supplies. IOCC is also coordinating with partners on the ground in Romania and Moldova who are serving refugees arriving from Ukraine. The IOCC has deployed staff to the area and are working with local churches to provide emergency supplies including food, water, mattresses, blankets and other bedding, baby food, wipes, and diapers, plus other hygiene and sanitary items.

The IOCC has a goal to raise \$1 million for this effort. Let's join together to offer aid to our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ!

House of Stewards

Through 03/31/2022

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+ REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY IN YOUR WILL +

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

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Next Meeting on Sunday, April 7, 2022 at 6:30pm
Speros Community Center



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





March Meeting

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 Ph	hiloptochos:	
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

Philoptochos Easter Bake Sale Order form on page 10.

Following Divine Liturgy each Sunday we will be taking orders for our EASTER BAKE SALE. We will be taking orders every Sunday, in the Community Center through April 10th. The Bake Sale is PRE-ORDER ONLY. We will also take mail in orders which must be received no later than **April 9th.** The address is on the order form. The ordered items will





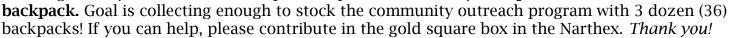
be distributed on Palms Sunday in the Community Center following Divine Liturgy. We will have our delicious TSOUREKIA FOR \$10.00 EACH and our delicious KOULOURAKIA (one dozen) FOR \$10.00 EACH.

MAY WE ALL HAVE A BLESSED LENT!

Clear Backpack Project

Many schools are now requiring students to use only **clear backpacks**. See example pictured. Families that previously relied on backpacks handed down by older siblings or found in resale shops now need *new* clear backpacks.

Philoptochos is working with community leaders in the large Kennedy at Loma Linda Schools in 85016 to help 5th through 8th graders that would otherwise find it hard to purchase a new backpack. Philoptochos is reaching out beyond our membership to our parish community. **\$20 per**





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

March's Chosen Charities:

<u>Phoenix Soroptimist</u>

Jam Pack

Click on the links to learn more.

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: <u>Click HERE for the Nomination Form</u>

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos Bake Sale!



ST. KATHERINE PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

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DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

ALL ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17 ONLY.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL PATTY @ 480-703-4713.

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos March Charity Backpack Project for the Homeless



















Thank you to Joanne Demangus for leading this worthy project!

What is Philoptochos?

The translation is Philo = Friend and Ptochos = Poor.

It is literally "Friend of the Poor".

	HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, PHOENIX, AZ
SERVICES C	OF GREAT & HOLY LENT 2022 MARCH 7 – APRIL 16, 2022
	CLEAN MONDAY - 6pm Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
	6pm - Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
	5:30рм - 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy *Potluck to follow
	6pm - Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew
	8am - Presanctified Liturgy
	6:30pm - 1st Salutations to the Theotokos Young Adult Discussion
	8am - Miracle of Kolyva Orthros and Divine Liturgy
	6pm - Great Compline - Bible Study to follow
	5:30pm - 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy *Potluck to follow
	8am - Presanctified Liturgy6:30pm - 2 nd Salutations to the Theotokos Grades1-3 Discussion
	6pm Great Compline - Bible Study to follow
	5:30pm 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy *Potluck to follow
	6pm - Vespers for Annunciation
	8am - Feast of the Annunciation - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
	6:30pm - 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos
	12-6pm GOYA Lenten Retreat
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	5:30pm - 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy *Potluck to follow
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MONDAY, APRIL 4	6pm Great Compline - Bible Study to follow
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6	5:30pm - 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy *Potluck to follow
FRIDAY, APRIL 8	8am - Presanctified Liturgy
FRIDAY, APRIL 8	6:30pm - The Akathist Hymn
SATURDAY, APRIL 9	1-6pm Parish-wide Lenten Retreat on Holy Week
MONDAY, APRIL 11	6pm Great Compline
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	8am - Saturday of Lazarus – Orthros and Divine Liturgy
APRIL 17-APRIL 24	Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Pascha (separate schedule)
On Wednesday evening:	s of Great Lent, following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, we will have a Potluck
	hments, along with a brief theological reflection. Bring your favorite
Lenten dish and join us f	or an opportunity for fellowship and learning!
K	αλη Δυναμη! Good Strength! Blessed Fast to all!
	wal boyapil good strength; blessed rast to all:

Pascha 2022

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, PHOENIX, AZ GREAT & HOLY WEEK & EASTER/PASCHA SCHEDULE OF SERVICES APRIL 17 – APRIL 24, 2022

PALM SUNDAY – April 17	
Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:15 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom	
GREAT & HOLY MONDAY – April 18	
Presanctified Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY – April 19	
Presanctified Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY – April 20	
Presanctified Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Unction	3:00 p.m.
Service of the Washing of the Feet (with Holy Unction offered)6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY – April 21	
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (The Mystical Supper)	8:00 a.m.
The Service of the Holy Passion (12 Gospels)	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY - April 22	
The Royal Hours	8:00 a.m.
The Descent from the Cross Vespers	
The Graveside Lamentations Orthros	
GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY – April 23	
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	9:00 a.m.
Paschal Vigil for the Holy Resurrection	11:15 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY PASCHA- April 24	
The Agape Vespers	Noon
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Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 13, 2022



Greetings from Sunday School!

What a beautiful sight to see so many children (and other parishioners) processing around the church with their icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy!

Our AMAZING Sunday School teachers have been hard at work preparing enriching and engaging lessons and activities for your children. Please make every effort to attend on Sundays. We miss their bright and shining faces when they are not with us!

Mark your calendars!

April 16th @ 9am:

Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy followed by the **Pancake Breakfast** and **Palm Cross making** (10:30-12:00)! You won't want to miss this fun event and wonderful fellowship opportunity as we prepare for the entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem.

May:

Graduate Recognition & Luncheon. Join us as we congratulate our graduates! Parents of graduates: Forms will be available soon. Even if you are unable to attend the luncheon, please complete the form so we can still recognize you child.

Sunday of Orthodoxy March 13, 2022



Sunday of the Cross March 27, 2022



Parish Lenten Retreat



Join us Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 PM for a Parish-wide Lenten Retreat discussing the Salvific Journey of Holy Week!

We'll begin with presentations by Frs. Apostolos and Alexander, interspersed with time for socializing and refreshments, and concluding with Vespers at 5pm.

Palm Sunday Brunch

April 17, 2022



Reservations beginning Sunday, March 20th during Coffee Hour in the Church Community Center

OR CONTACT:

Natalie, Holy Trinity Office, (602) 264-7863 Pete Marudas, rosemar2@msn.com (602) 284-1638

Reserved Tables of 8 or 10 must be prepaid in advance.
All other reservations will be open seating.

St. Nicodemus the Hagiorite Book Discussion Club Arizona Chapter



Are you interested in reading and discussing Orthodox books with young adults across the Valley? If so, join us for the new St. Nicodemus Book Discussion club! Just pick a book from our library (located in the Narthex on the left as you enter) and read at your own pace. We meet virtually twice a month with occasional

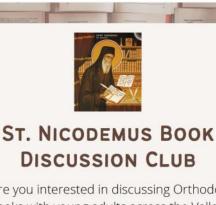
in-person gatherings and events. For more information about the club and registration, please email yalazbookclub@gmail.com or contact

Link to books available to borrow:

Mary Pardhe at mdpardhe@gmail.com!

Book Availability Tracker

Discord server: https://discord.gg/vCecfncws7



Are you interested in discussing Orthodox books with young adults across the Valley? If so, join us for the new book discussion club at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral! Just borrow a book from our library and read at your own pace.

Meetings are held virtually with occasional in-person events. For more information about the club and registration, please email **yalazbookclub@gmail.com!**



Youth Meetings!



On Fridays during Lent we will meet with one of our ministries in the Conference Room after Salutations at 6:30pm for discussion!

MARCH 11: YOUNG ADULTS
MARCH 18: 1ST-4TH GRADE
APRIL 1: 5TH-8TH GRADE
APRIL 8: HIGH SCHOOL

For more info email: fraeliades@holytrinityphx.org

Coffee Hours

Thank you to **Greek School** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in March.

The April Coffee Hours are sponsored by **Young Adults.**



Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Fourlis

The Maintenance Committee would like to welcome new members John Annos, Andy Stamatis, and Pete Choukalas! They join existing members Ted Fourlis, Peter Bilitsis, Paul Valonis and Dimitri Valonis. Spring brings us many new projects. We are in the process of evaluating upcoming project needs and 2022 Festival upgrades. There will be an upcoming basement cleanout on May 7th, and Ministries will receive an email with updated information regarding the cleanout. We have been working to overcome lighting challenges up the Cathedral stairs and courtyard area. The Community Center's women's bathrooms sinks have been repaired and are now working properly. If you have time, talent or treasure to assist the Maintenance Committee please reach out to either Ted Fourlis 602-625-8835 or Peter Bilitsis 602-317-7780.

Mosaic Iconography

Joyce Bavlinka displayed some of the work done by Robert J. Andrews, the artist who designed the six mosaic icons screens that are in front of the altar. He is one of the leading Byzantine iconographers and he was recognized by Archbishop Iakovos. His largest work is the face of Christ in Holy Trinity San Francisco which is 60' in diameter and contains 1.2 million pieces of glass. Transfiguration in Lowell, MA is also completely covered with his work.



If you missed the presentation, she will be displaying it again. Or just ask her..... she will have some interesting stories about the man and his work!

Get Metropolis News



Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests Julie Karoutas

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

Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends,

I hope that you are enjoying this glorious weather, Spring has Sprung!!!!

Please mark your calendars for our April outings:

Saturday, April 9th

Old Town Scottsdale Farmers Market 3806 N Brown Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 We will be carpooling from church at 9:00am.

Saturday, April 30th

MIM (Musical Instrument Museum) 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050 480.478.6000

Please note: cost of General Admission is \$20.00 Tickets can be purchased at MIM; complimentary masks at Guest Services

We will be carpooling from church at 9:00am.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM



Beats Coffee Bar, 9:00am-5:00pm, Breakfast/Lunch and Cafe Allegro, Lunch, 11:00am-3:00pm; Courtyard outdoor Dining off of Cafe Allegro

Please note: A special "Thank you" to **Jim Thomas** for gifting our group with eight 50% Off Museum Admission tickets!

Those who commit to attend must notify me before **April 28th** to have their names placed into a raffle. Eight names will be drawn.

Please respond if you plan to attend with name, guests' names. Thank you in advance for responding.

Love in Christ, Julie Karoutas

Email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com

Cell: 623.313.8720

Please alert your friends that do not have email addresses.

See YOU there!!!

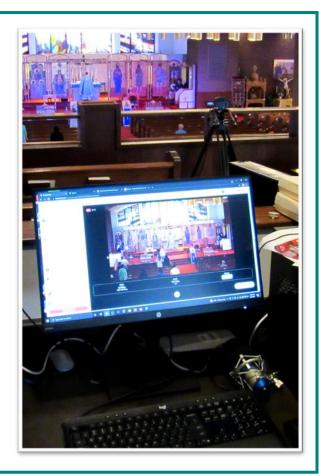




Liturgical Services will continue to be live streamed by Father Apostolos and Father Alexander.

All services can now be found on the **Home Page** of the Cathedral's website www.holytrinityphx.org, 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.

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Our Church Family

Baptism

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Galatians 3:27



03/05/2022 Dimitri Deligiannis, Godparents Fevrona & Veta Boukoulis *God's Blessings be upon him.*

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



03/14/2022 Mary Contes *May her memory be eternal.*



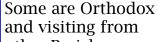


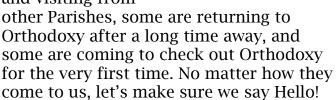
Light a Candle

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.

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



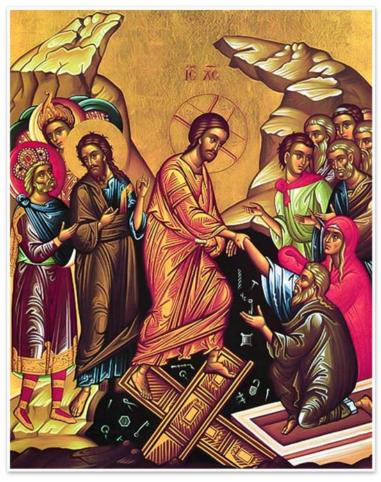


"Welcome! I don't believe we've met yet. My name is (your name)" is a great start. Offer to walk with them to Coffee Hour. A personal connection goes far!

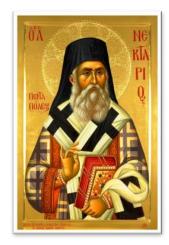
St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou streetariosphx@gmail.com

Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)



On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of



our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

One of the most symbolic of the Festal Icons of the Orthodox Church is that of the Holy Resurrection. In the center of this radiant event is Christ pulling Adam and Eve up from their tombs. The gates of the Realm of Death broken thrown are and down. Death. personified in human form is defeated, and bound hand and foot at the bottom of the scene. We recall the joyous words of St. Paul: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)

In the background stands the host of the departed, so numerous they cannot not be depicted. Among them in the front of the multitude are some of the righteous dead, though now invigorated by the Resurrection. King David and his son Solomon are seen on the left wearing crowns. Near the center is Saint John the Baptist. On the other side is Abel, the son of Adam and the first man to ever die. He wears a shepherds robe and has a cane. Many Icons of this subject depict large crowds with a few other recognizable prophets.





All Saints Camp

Get excited... SUMMER IS BACK!

This summer, All Saints Camp is going to the Metropolis of San Francisco Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch! We will be taking up our group of campers for Session I: July 10-16. Online registration will open on this Tuesday, March 1, 9 am PST at: https://gosfyouth.org/summer-camp. Please register ASAP, as spots will fill up very quickly.

Concerning transportation, we will be flying into Fresno, California as a group. PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR OWN FLIGHT. Once you have registered as a camper, please notify us at: info@allsaintscamparizona.org.

If you have any questions please email Fr Alexander: fraeliades@holytrinityphx.org



Daughters of Penelope

Chapter 432 Phoenix AZ

Our Daughters Organization nationally and locally has been very busy with many events both charitable and social. As can be seen from our group picture in the last Desert Springs and the pictures below we had a fun filled productive meeting in February. A monetary donation was sent to the IOCC from our chapter and members added to the donation as well. We are looking into how else we can help.







Our March meeting was held on the 21st at the church. Quite a few members were present. A large part of being a member in the Daughters is the sisterhood and friendship that come with being in this organization.

Our mission is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy as well as Civic responsibility.

Future Events...

On **Saturday, March 27** several members will be taking a tour of **UMOM.** In **April** we will be taking a boat ride on the Dolly Steamboat followed by a late lunch. On **Saturday, May 14** members will be participating in the **UMOM Walkathon** at the Phoenix Zoo. District Convention **June 16-18** Las Vegas National Convention **July 18-22** Orlando Ahepa Scholarships.

National Projects...

Penelope House: Domestic Violence Center Limbitless Solutions Penelopean Day Care Center Daughters of Penelope Foundation Penelope's Place Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation

District Project Water with Blessings

Get to know us:



Deedee Staikos (pictured above with her family), Chapter recording Secretary

- Married mother of 3 and Grandmother of 1 with another on the way!
- Has lived in Chicago, D.C., New York, Central PA and Greece.
- Retired Spanish, English and ESL teacher (9-12)
- Favorite Board game Backgammon
- Special quality-Friends say she is tenacious, trustworthy and a good listener
- Spends summers on the island of Spetses where her children learned about the Greek culture and language while growing up.
- Favorite activities...having friends over, swimming and crafting
- She holds a black belt in Karate (Tang Soo Do)

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 or by phone at (480) 473-4906.



Tell Us Something Good

Zachary Haugen and **Jake Watson** receive the Carnegie Medal of Heroism! Read about it here:

Two Arizona high schoolers to receive Carnegie Medal for Sunset Cliffs rescue | KPBS Public Media

https://www.carnegiehero.org/heroes/latest-award-announcements/



Altar Service

Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?

Contact: Chris Francis at battersbox7@yahoo.com, David Haag at davidmhaag@yahoo.com





Wednesday Evening Potlucks

Join us **every Wednesday of Lent at** 5:30pm for Presanctified Liturgy followed immediately by a potluck in the Office Conference Room! Bring your *Lenten* dish before Presanctified and drop it off in the Conference Room, attend Liturgy, then join everyone in the Conference Room for a Potluck and small spiritual reflection by a rotating series of presenters.

Let's Celebrate!

The **Celebration Committee** at Holy Trinity is pleased to announce several new committee members—Presbytera Denise Hill, Deaconess Mary Thrasher, Anna and Elizabeth Pardhe, Gina Graham, Joyce Bavlinka, Marianna Kaneris, Nick Marino, and Paulina Watson.

These parishioners have joined Terri Alexon and Mary Pardhe, donating their time and resources for this brand-new ministry. The goal is quite simple—to help the faithful get to know each other better and to grow closer together as a spiritual family.

In March, the Celebration Committee was honored to host a birthday party for our beloved Fr. Apostolos. A group of children sang "Happy Birthday" on the stage in the Community Center as Father beamed. Afterwards, a delicious fruit tart adorned with a candle was served. As Father Apostolos said, "I have eaten a small piece of joy, thank you." Indeed, it was wonderful for Father to share in this small token of our appreciation before the demands of Great Lent begin.



If you or someone you know from the parish is celebrating a baby, a birthday, an anniversary milestone, or any another special event in April, please let the Church Office or the

parish Celebration Committee know by **March 27th** so that we can celebrate as a community! You can send a request with suggestions and details to: **htcphxevents@gmail.com**.



Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director Gabriella Papatzimas, Teacher



Friday, March 25th, Greece celebrated its major public holiday, their "Independence Day".

Last year, Greece celebrated the 200 years of independence behind the "screen" due to COVID shutdowns, and this year most likely a "normal Greek Independence Day" will be celebrated again all over the country.

Although it is difficult to count, it is said that as many Greeks (or people with Greek roots) live abroad, spread all over the world, as Greeks living in Greece (+/- 10.7 million) everyone celebrates Greek Independence Day.

This year, our Greek School celebrated with a wonderful program and luncheon. The kids did amazing! We are so proud of each one of them.

One of the traditions that is kept by most Greeks, and celebrated all over the world, is the Greek Orthodox Easter celebrations.



















Kouvouklion Decorating (Epitaphios)

A group of volunteers is needed to decorate the Kouvouklion on April 22nd, Good Friday morning at 7:00 am. Please meet in the narthex of the Cathedral.

If you are interested in learning how to adorn the icons with flowers during the church year for major feast days, Great Lent and Pascha, please contact Diakonissa Mary at 602-679-4041 or *email her* for details.



Home Caregiver Opportunities

If you or someone you know work as a home caretaker/caregiver/aid/helper, the Cathedral would love the resources to spread to those in need. Please reach out to Natalie in the office if you have any information!

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.

Myrrhbearers

Every year girls 5th thru 8th grade serve as Myrrhbearers for Good Friday and Pascha. The Role of a Myrrhbears is a blessed opportunity for the young girls of our community to serve the church and participate in the service during Good Friday and Pascha. Our first practice will be Sunday, April 3,2022 after Sunday School. If you would like more information please call Stacey Beaty at 623-826-9970 or email *her here*.



Desert Springs April 2022

AHEPA Chapter 219

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April Events:

Our next AHEPA 219 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Palm Sunday Luncheon is Sunday, April 17, 2022 after Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral church services. Costs are \$25/adult, \$15 ages 6 - 17, and children 5 and below are free. Contact Pete Marudas 602-284-1638.

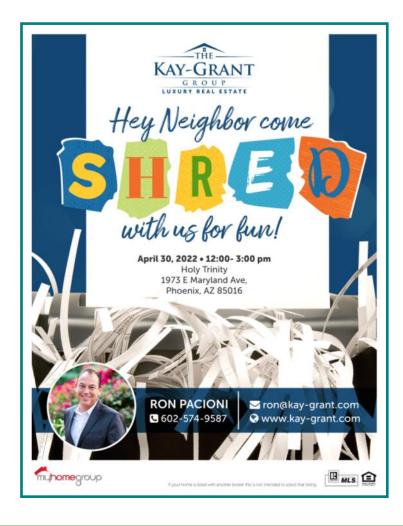
INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?
CONTACT STEVE LEMERE
770-990-6825

Bookstore Down in the Hall!

April 3, 2022

The library will have a table during coffee hour on April 3rd. Please stop by to browse our latest additions and consider picking up a book to read during Lent!





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To register click <u>HERE</u>.

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Caroline Economopoulos, President



High School Juniors and Seniors!



Fun at the 2022 GOYA Lenten Retreat March 26, 2022



Thank you to all who attended and helped with the retreat.



Little Lambs



