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Message from Father Alexander

Merry Christmas!



My family and I walked into Costco last week (still mid-September) and were greeted with Max's exclamation, "CHRISTMAS TREE!!! WITH LIGHTS!!!"

Sure enough, here in mid-September we're selling Christmas items and toys. Now I love Christmas and I love Costco but this was quite a shock! These Christmas items had replaced the Halloween items we saw when we went in early August. I pondered on this as we wandered through the endless aisles and came to a few thoughts.

Yes, clearly Costco is a corporation looking for profit and maximizing said profits through longer opportunities for us to spend our money for Christmas. But what does it say about us as people in our society?

It strikes me that we celebrate these passing seasons less and less with traditions and community and more and more with shopping and the spending of money, our passage of time is marked not by Cathedrals of God but by Cathedrals of Commerce.

Instead of coming to church and seeing the icons of the feasts out and the associated hymns and marking our passage of time in this ecclesiastical understanding of time, centered around God, we await the blessed seasons of commerce.



Pumpkin Spice Latte is out! Halloween and lovely dead skeletons should come out! Fall candles! Christmas lights in early November because we can't wait for that Christmas *feeling*.

But we then come around to the day itself and it is marked by the consumption of these gifts that will rot away or grow old and die.

Or we can mark our time around the eternal God and the celebrations of His Church. We begin the fast for Christmas on November 15, we celebrate the feasts for a day or so before and continue for a week after praising God. On the day itself we celebrate by receiving the Gift that never dies or fades, that is God Himself in us through His Body and Blood. We have a plethora of amazing saints in this time as well: St. Demetrios, St. Katherine, St. Nicholas, and many, many more!

I get as excited as the rest of us about Christmas lights and holiday seasons (and cooler weather!) but as we enter this time, let's shift our focus not to the mundane that passes but to God the eternal. I get more excited thinking about the beautiful hymns and service we are about to participate in that grant us that closeness to God Himself and His saints and I stand in awe.

This is the one striking similarity that perhaps we are deadened to as members of this beautiful Cathedral—those patrons of our festival have a more powerful reaction of awe coming into our Cathedral than anyone has seeing Christmas lights and enjoying the holiday season. As we host the thousands of people to our campus this month let's also refresh our view of life, God's House, and our holiday spirit. Before you know it Thanksgiving and Christmas will arrive. Don't simply knock off "feelings and gifts" from your list of to-dos but live the festal life of the Church as it ramps up to the celebration of the Incarnation of our God in our Flesh.

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

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



Stewardship 2023 Theme: Giving Thanks: Eucharist Stewardship

OUR FESTIVAL - A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF STEWARDSHIP

Joanne Mackos and a dozen other women spending hours, days and weeks chopping, mixing, kneading and baking hundreds of pastries by hand. Steve Apostolidis overseeing the entire kitchen operation with Phil Panagiotoglou, Billy Tavlarides and Pete Choukalas doing prep and cooking. Steve Mastorakos and Warren Schneider working in the auxiliary kitchen. Kalli Schneider ordering the liquor and overseeing the building and set up of the bars, Chris Petroulakis managing the ordering and delivery of all of the food, spices, dry and paper goods. Pete Choukalas also designing and printing the advertisements, banners, signs, fliers and brochures. Niko Panagiotakopoulos organizing the dozens of dancers, instructors, practices, music and costumes. Donna Manelis organizing the volunteers and doing 100 other things behind the scenes. Not to mention Ted Furlis, Nick Kretsedemas and Angelo Pestrivas overseeing every single detail and booth from parking to permits to the financials and keeping spreadsheets on absolutely everything!

These are just a few of the hard working parishioners that spend countless hours for months in the preparation and execution of our festival. In addition, so many of our parishioners, young and old, work shifts in every booth, invite their friends and neighbors and help make our festival the massive success it is.

Yes, the festival is Holy Trinity's largest fundraiser. But it is so much more than that! For three days in October, we come together to volunteer our time for the good of the Cathedral. Some work in hot, sunny, dusty booths serving up Gyros, Loukoumades, Calamari, Saganaki, Souvlaki, coffee, beer, wine and Ouzo to nearly 20,000 eager, hungry visitors. And we do it with a warm, welcoming smile, a happy heart and a cheer of OPA!

Honestly, I can't think of a more beautiful example of stewardship than this!

[More Festival information and photos on pages 9 to 17.](#)



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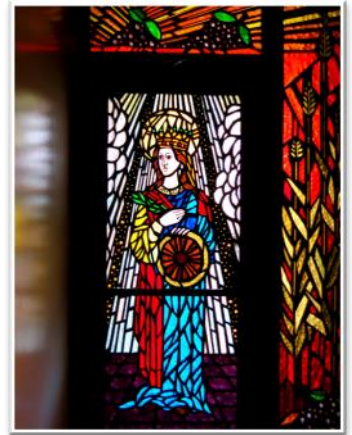
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Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Kristen Vasilarakos, President



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

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**Next Meeting on Thursday,
October 12, 2023
at 6:30 pm
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center
*note that the meeting is on the *second* Tuesday
due to the Greek Festival***

At the September meeting, Alex Anagnopoulos was thanked for completing her most recent 4-year term as Chapter President.

THANK YOU!
thank you.



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

JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2023

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 2023, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Blessing of the Waters

September 7, 2023



Coffee in the Conference Room

will resume on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

All are welcome!



Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

2023-2025 Board Members

Congratulations to the newly elected Board:

President—Kristen Vasilarakos

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Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023



OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

GREEK FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING & MORE

FRIDAY, OCT 6
5pm - 10pm

SATURDAY, OCT 7
11am - 10pm

SUNDAY, OCT 8
11am - 6pm

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Children under 12 free

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FREE Saturday from

11:00am - 3:00pm

*No pets permitted (service dogs excluded)



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LOUKOUMADES
[loo-koo-MAH-des] (noun)
 Traditional Greek honey puffs, made from a light and airy dough that is deep-fried until golden and crispy. These delectable bite-sized treats are then drizzled with warm honey and sprinkled with cinnamon. With a crispy exterior and a fluffy interior, Loukoumades are a heavenly dessert that melts in your mouth.

SOUVLAKI
[soov-LAH-kee] (noun)
 A beloved Greek street food consisting of marinated chunks of meat, typically pork or chicken, threaded onto skewers and grilled to perfection. Served with pita bread, tzatziki sauce, and a medley of fresh vegetables, Souvlaki offers a burst of Mediterranean flavors in every bite.

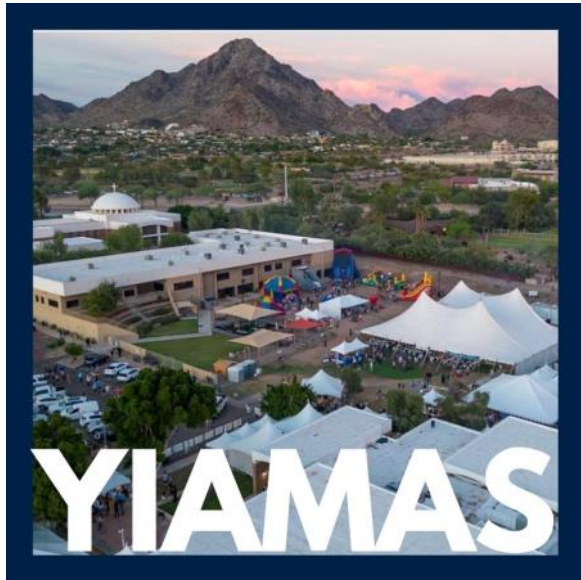
SAGANAKI
[sah-gah-NAH-kee] (noun)
 A Greek culinary masterpiece where a slice of cheese, typically Kefalogrievia is lightly breaded and fried to a golden perfection. The cheese is often flambéed with brandy and served hot, resulting in a deliciously gooey and crispy experience.

DANCEBOARD

2023 Festival 'Square' promotional materials created by Gabriella Papatzimas

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WINE FLIGHTS

Explore Greek Wine One Sip At A Time

- Apelia Agiorgitiko / Syrah Blend
- Apelia Savatiano / Dry White
- Domaine Costa Lazaridi - Oenodea White
- Domaine Costa Lazaridi - Oenodea Red



Original Phoenix Greek Festival

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The Festival is here in a few days and we are all geared up and ready to go! Holy Trinity is buzzing with excitement and anticipation for what we hope will be another successful festival yet! There is still lot's of work to be done and your help is needed to put all the final pieces together and make sure every shift at every booth is filled! Here's what you need to know as we head into our final week. OPA!

Here's what you need to know

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

Everyone's help is needed for Festival set-up and clean-up. Lunch will be served for all volunteers. Building the festival is a massive undertaking. There is something to do for everyone of every age and ability. The more hands we have the better prepared we will be for Festival week. All you need to do is show up. There are plenty of jobs both big and small. Do your kids, their friends or teammates need volunteer hours for clubs, sports, scholarships? If so, this is an easy way to get in some hours.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming dates:

Clean Up - Monday, Oct. 9th at 8:00 a.m.

BOOTH SET UP

Booth set up officially begins **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** Please have your booth set up completed by Wednesday night.

Remember that each booth is responsible for setting up their own booth.

Rentals, tents & tables will be delivered Monday afternoon and after that will be available for people to come in early and begin set up.

Each booth must be fully set up and ready to open by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6th. Additionally, every booth should be ready for business ONE HOUR before the festival opens each day.**

If you aren't in charge of a booth but are available to help on Wednesday evening, please join us as there is plenty to do for everyone!

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FOOD HANDLER CARDS

If you have a copy of your Food Handler cards from previous years, please email a copy to the front office as soon as possible to htfrontoffice@holyltrinityphx.org.

If you are volunteering at any booth serving food and do not have a food handler card, you need to get one quickly! It's easy and quick and online. Visit efoodcard.com, study, take the test and give a copy to the office.

FESTIVAL SHIRTS

We will be selling our 2023 Festival t-shirts on **Wednesday Night, Oct 4** to our volunteers for \$15 per shirt (extra for XXL/XXXL). When festival begins they will be sold for \$20. Stop by the indoor tshirt booth on Wednesday 10/4 during evening set up to purchase your shirt. Cash or check will be accepted.

IMPORTANT FESTIVAL PARKING INFORMATION

As we have done in the past, only those who have a parking pass are permitted to park in the volunteer lot for free. Volunteers who arrive once the free lot is full must pay to take a space and park in the front church lot. **However, volunteers with a pass will only pay \$5.**

BUY ADMISSION TICKETS ON LINE

We have secured a partnership with EventBrite. Our festival now offers an online option for attendees to pre-purchase admission tickets online. This is an exciting new way we are modernizing our festival. Click here to purchase: [EntranceTickets](#)

DO YOU FOLLOW THE FESTIVAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Please make sure you are following, liking, sharing and commenting on our social media pages. This is a fast and easy way to spread our festival news with your friends and neighbors and help get the word out!

Follow us on Instagram at: [originalphxgreekfest](#) and on Facebook at: [Original Phoenix Greek Festival](#)

FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

Thank you to all of our Friends of the Festival! We are truly grateful for the generosity of each of our donors. See donor list on page 10.



Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023



Thank you to those who helped set up the Festival equipment and grounds during the September build and prep days. Shown are just some of the many volunteers.
You are appreciated!

Early Media Coverage



Thanks [@fox10phoenix](#) for coming out to the [@originalphxgreekfest](#) and making us look so good!
You are definitely part of our Big Fat Greek Family now!



Original Phoenix Greek Festival—Baking

September

Many—but not all—of our awesome baking volunteers!

Thank you!



Original Phoenix Greek Festival—Baking

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023



Bottled Water Drive

Result! Wow!



WOW! You opened your loving hearts and poured out generosity on those who thirst! You, our Holy Trinity parishioners, collectively donated **\$3,062** to St. Mary's Food Bank to purchase bottled water for the homeless.

Our original goal of raising \$1,000 was smashed and we more than tripled it.

Because St. Mary's has the opportunity to purchase water at a discounted rate, our \$3,062 will purchase **12,248 bottles of water**. During this unprecedented heat, St. Mary's and all local food banks have been in need of extra water to help those they serve.

We continue to be humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. We are truly grateful to everyone who contributed. Thank you very much for answering the call to the true meaning of stewardship.

Church Website



Have you checked out the website lately?

www.holytrinityphx.org

Events • Services • Photos • Calendar • Stewardship



Did you know?

We have had **39,516** site visitors
in the last 12 months!

Parish Assembly, Part 1

September 10, 2023



Parish Assembly, Part 2

September 24, 2023



Cathedral Refresh

You voted!



Approximate Rendering of Approved Refresh Motion on Sunday CONGRATULATIONS!

We thank all our members who participated in our September 24th Parish Assembly! Your voices were heard and your votes were cast and this scope of work was approved:

1. Pews -- Repair, re-upholster, re-stain, & re-install existing Pews.
2. Pews -- Arrange for stroller & wheel chair seating.
3. Install -- **Red** Carpet in Nave and Center Aisle
4. Solea & Altar -- Install tile.
5. Restore -- Iconostasis, Solea, Altar, Chandeliers, install Altar Bathroom.
6. Repair -- Solea, Altar railings and Iconostasis frames.
7. Adult Baptismal Fount -- design/select, install appropriately.
8. Four Pillars of Orthodoxy -- deferred till iconography, if any, is researched, selected, and approved.

Amount not to exceed \$840,000.

Note -- Parish Assembly, September 10 approved & authorized Repair/restore Main Cathedral Doors, Community Center repair/replace, roof and AC units total not to exceed \$165,000

We are now accepting donations (including -- In Memory donations) for these and future items. Please contact Charles DeMoss and/or Paul Katsenes to discuss.

Please continue to be engaged with this project as we move through this phase and future phases!

Refresh in Action!



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!

During the September Celebration Sunday, we celebrated the 40-day-blessing of Lucas Arger (son of Chris and Jennie Arger) and all September birthdays! In honor of baby Lucas, the balloon décor was blue, white, with gold accents. The tables were decorated with pastel blue overlays and white ceramic vases filled with fall foliage.

We greatly appreciate those who have shared their milestone events with our Holy Trinity 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 send an email with suggestions and details to: htcphxevents@gmail.com.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please email htcphxevents@gmail.com and/or talk to Terri Alexon or Mary Pardhe!

Communal Cooking Event

In September, the Communal Cooking crew led by Phillip Panagiotoglou gathered to cook and serve a delicious meal of spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, Greek salad, and fresh watermelon. We also had a cake to celebrate all the birthdays in September! If you are interested in helping out or joining us for future cooking events, please email htcphxevents@gmail.com. In addition, please feel free to bring a dish to share with the community on the first Sunday of every month.

Celebration Sunday—September

September 3, 2023



Celebration Committee

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday

John Annos
Christina Bakavelou
Constantine Balanis
Elise Bard
Stamatios Benetos
Pauline Christakos
Laurel Coil-Petsas
Cassian Contes
Emily Coppinger
Evonne Damianos
Rebecca Davis
Stacy Deligiannis
Tom Demas
John Demetropoulos
Denise Dye
Maximos Eliades
Athanasios Furlis
Chris Frye
Koula Georges
Gina Graham
Diana Harris
Claire Herrera
Presv. Denise Hill
Micah Hill
Richard Jacobson
Peter Janos
Pete Kamboukos
Marianna Kaneris
Jean Kantaros
Thomas Katsenes
Bebe Katsenes
Quentin Keyser
Mary Kladis
JoAnne Kruljac



October

Debbie Kunkel
Jill Leach
Brianna Lopez
Margo Makris
Mark Mallas
Patia Mallas
Jim Manelis
Bill Marinakos
Nicholas Marino
Melina McKenzie
Chris Mead
Stephen Mellas
Anthony Miologos
Thanasi Panagiotakopoulos
Eleni Panagiotoglou
Voula Papamatheakis
Peter Pearce
John Pesognelli
Chris Petroulakis
Pantelis Petroulakis
Voula Rentzis
Menelaos Rentzis
Paul Roupas
Karen Speros
Dominic Tropea
Lindsay Vardalos
Alexis Venetis
Sandy Vlahoulis
Jaclyn Walsh
Dan Williams
Michael Wombacher
Alexa Wood
Jael Yoon
Zella Zannis

Our Church Family

Baptisms

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

Galatians 3:27



09/23/2023

Penelope, daughter of Presbytera Laura & Father Alexander Eliades

Godparents: Talia & Ethan Curtis

God's Blessings be upon her.

09/30/2023

Sophia, daughter of Emily & Oleg Moroz

Godparents: Antigoni & Akash Bhatia

God's Blessings be upon her.



Light a Candle

In this time more than ever we need prayer.

For those not able to come to the Cathedral, 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.

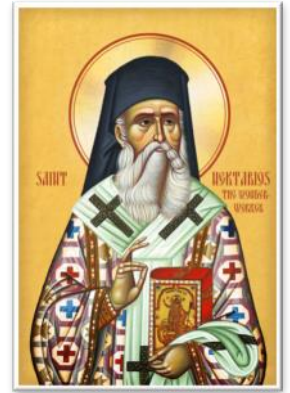
Thank You!

Father Alexander and Presbytera Laura want to express their deep gratitude to all those who came and showed their love for Penelope and the family at her baptism. A special thank you to Phil Panagiotoglou and Joanna Mackos for their help at the reception. Our hearts are so full of your outpouring of love for our Penelope, thank you and we love all of you!



St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou
stnectariosphx@gmail.com



The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer

On October 26, we have the opportunity to commemorate the Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-streamer.



Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he

presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Fall Classes

Fr. Apostolos offers a two semester catechism on The Kingdom of God and How to Attain It. Classes will be held in person and via Zoom. Please contact the office or Fr. Apostolos to request registration details.

Fr. Alexander began his Bible Study on 1 Corinthians on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 after 6:30pm Paraklesis in the Conference Room and on Zoom. Class will be offered **every Wednesday** at that time.



Choir “Notes”

By Terri Alexon
Choir Director

*Speak to one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, constantly giving thanks for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to our God and Father. **Ephesians 5:19–20***



Nowadays, we have instant access to a myriad of music recorded for our convenience where we can listen in private. We can choose and consume music according to our individual taste. In the Orthodox tradition, there is also an edifying selection of recordings from which to choose.

But the act of coming together to sing—using our God-given voices next to another believer in Christ—is different. Did you know that the act of singing is not an option for Christians? It is a command! "Let the work of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." **Colossians 3:16.**

Besides worship, singing is warfare against the forces of evil that want to destroy the lives of Christians. A singing heart is thinking more about Godly things and less about sin or other worldly distractions. Also, singing can strengthen a Christian during times of trial. For example, what did Apostle Paul and Silas do while being unjustly imprisoned for the sake of the Gospel? They sang! (**Acts 16:2**)

Two Voices Expand the Music Ministry

So, what is the mission of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir? We are a dedicated group of singers who inspire others to worship and raise up their voices to glorify God! In the HT Heavens, also known as the choir loft, we are very blessed to have TWO new Alto voices, Crisanne Bansner and Athina Yadush. Both ladies enjoy singing so much that they are willing to travel great distances every week to rehearse and worship with us! And both women have been math teachers who just found out they lived within thirty miles of each other while living in the same state. The Lord does work in mysterious ways!

Crisanne Bansner



Crisanne and her husband, Scott, recently retired to Arizona after living in Reading, Pennsylvania before traveling more than 2,300 miles to their dream home in Robson Ranch near Casa Grande.

Crisanne grew up, lived and worked all within 10 miles of her childhood home. She taught mathematics for more than 30 years at a junior-senior high school where she served as department chair and enjoyed working at many sporting events. Crisanne is an avid reader and has volunteered at the community library.

Crisanne and Scott are now exploring the beautiful desert scenery by hiking with their Portuguese Water Dogs and trying (so far without much success, she says) to learn to play pickleball. Crisanne also enjoys creative arts; her current hobbies include working with gourds and fused glass.

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Choir "Notes" continued from page 27

As a lifelong member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Reading, Pennsylvania, Crisanne learned to love and serve the church community from her parents. She began her church service in junior choir and then joined the senior choir and became an accompanist while in high school. She was a member of St. Xenia Philoptochos, serving on the Operation Classroom and the audit committees. Crisanne enjoyed helping with preparation for Philoptochos bake sales (as much as her limited baking skills allowed) and was the cashier for the pastry room at the annual food bazaar.

After attending her first Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Phoenix, Crisanne knew that she had found her new church home: "I am so grateful for the warm welcome and encouragement I have received and I look forward to continuing my involvement with the Cathedral Choir and St Katherine Philoptochos," she said.

Athina Yadush



Athina and her family—husband, three sons, and a daughter—are formerly from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and are now living in Buckeye. Athina (yes, it's spelled differently) has been a mathematics teacher for 13 years. Recently, she accepted a position as a Math Interventionist at the Academy of Math and Science in Avondale.

Music has played a large part of Athina's life. She learned flute and violin in elementary school, piccolo in high school as well as tuba in college. Athina gained her vocal experience while singing in the Choir at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

When she is not singing, some of Athina's hobbies include dancing, Zumba, reading and hiking. Since moving to Arizona, she has had the pleasure of exploring the picturesque trails found in the Valley of the Sun during the cooler months. But most days, she can be found playing with her two dogs and two cats.

Athina also appreciates the warm welcome she has received at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. She hopes to meet more of the church community in the upcoming weeks while preparing for the food festival. "I'm willing to lend a helping hand wherever it's needed," she said.

Join the Music Ministry

If you feel inspired to try out your voice in a dynamic choral setting for the glory of God, please do! Any type of musical experience is preferred but not required. Rehearsals are held up in the loft on most Wednesdays following services until about 8:30 pm. Contact Terri by email, terrialexon@gmail.com or by text/telephone, 480-233-2416.



Basketball/Pickleball Court

BASKETBALL/PICKLEBALL ANYONE?

The newly resurfaced basketball court is complete and ready for some action! It has a brand new commercial grade surface and now includes lines for both basketball and pickleball as well as a pickleball net.

Thank you to Tracy Poulos for this incredible donation in memory of her late husband James Poulos. James was the Nouno of Alexandra Sampson so this is a perfect addition to the Alexandra Sampson Memorial Project which now boasts a discussion and fire pit, picnic tables, a grill and now, the new court. What an amazing blessing this is for our Cathedral!

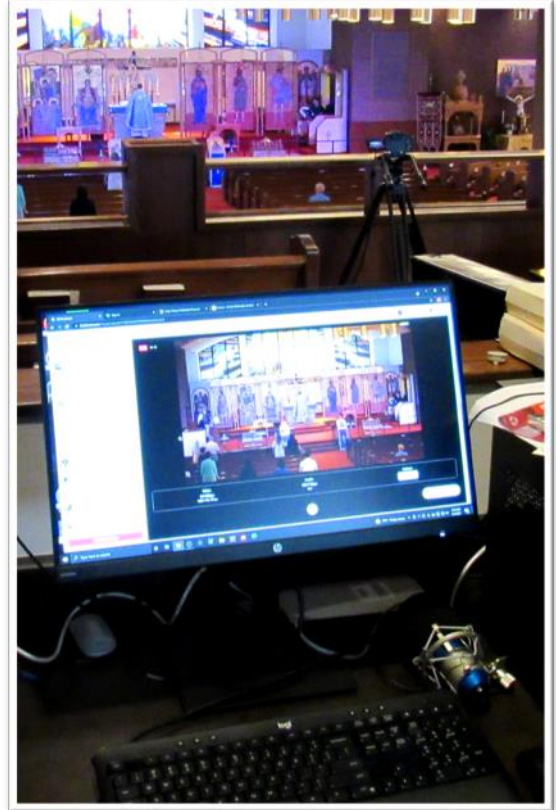
This new space will be primarily used by our youth but all our ministries are welcome to use it as well. We look forward to some fun times had by all. Let the games begin!



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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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 **\$654,340.00**.

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.

Endowment Gifts

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+ We Thank You and may God Bless You for your generosity. +



Sunday School

Stories from the Bible

We are excited to announce that we will be leading our children through a journey of Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation beginning August 20 after Divine Liturgy. This 32 week syllabus begins in Eden with the Creation and ends on Patmos with St. John. If you wish to assist with treats, please speak with Presvytera Denise or to assist with crafts, please speak with Debra Harrison.



Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

Thank you to the **OPA** for sponsoring Coffee Socials in September.



The October Coffee Socials are sponsored by **Choir**.

Thank you!

Virtual Choir



REGISTER NOW FOR NEW VIRTUAL CHOIR

If you love singing beautiful music, this exciting project is for you! Go to www.occfellowship.org to register and participate in a virtual choir recording of "In the Shelter of Thy Wings," a gorgeous hymn for SATB choir by John Balamos.

Our video track conductor is renowned composer and music professor Neal Desby.

Registration is \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 17 and under, and includes three optional online rehearsals on Sept. 16, 23, & 30.

You will receive instructional videos on how to make and submit your recording, a video guide track to sing along with, and a PDF of the sheet music.

The final professionally-produced video will be posted on social media the first weekend of November.

Recordings are due by October 21, so register today and let's get singing!

Orthodox Christian Choral Fellowship

Mailing Address
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Donations

We greatly value all your donations!



Please remember, when you write us a check, to include your **intention for the donation and/or 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 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!



Potluck and Discussions

In September, we had a special potluck and workshop on the “History and Basic Techniques of Byzantine Chant”. Over 20 young adults attended the event. Joshua Pardhe (Holy Trinity) gave a presentation on the development of Byzantine chant and notation through the centuries. Following the presentation, Anastázios Kaejatídarián (Assumption) led the group through the Apolytikions for the Holy Trinity, the Feast of the Dormition, and St. George. All the members had an opportunity to follow along with the Byzantine notation of the hymns. The video of the meeting will be uploaded to our Living Orthodox YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/3O2roul>).

On October 28-29, the Living Orthodox group will be hosting a young adult retreat on the theme – Thanksgiving: Living a Eucharistic Life. All young adults (college - 30s) are invited for a weekend of spiritual growth, community, and fun! The retreat will feature a keynote address by Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, speaker presentations, hands-on liturgical workshops, iconography and music sessions, and fun off-campus social events. Please register your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/LO-events> to be informed about hotel blocks and ticket sales! Please invite your friends to this special retreat!

Recordings of our past events can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/LOvideosYT>. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Living Orthodox, please email livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com! You can also visit <https://linktr.ee/livingorthodox> for links to our Instagram channel and Discord server.

LIVING ORTHODOX - FALL RETREAT

Thanksgiving: Living a Eucharistic Life

Join young adults from across the Valley for a weekend of spiritual growth, community, and fun!

Featuring speaker presentations, hands-on liturgical workshops, iconography and music sessions, and fun off-campus social events!

Keynote Speaker.

Fr. Timothy Pavlatos has dedicated much of his time and attention to the integration of Orthodox theology and spirituality as it relates to the therapeutic process of counseling. He currently serves as priest at St. Katherine's in Chandler, Arizona, is a licenced marriage therapist, and is part of the Family Wellness Ministry.

SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 28-29, 2023
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Metropolis News

Metropolis Gala – Celebrating Our Ministries and Honoring Extraordinary Leadership

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco celebrates over 100 years of ministry on the west coast with a magnificent black-tie Gala held at the Westin St. Francis on Union Square, 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The Gala honors its fourteen ministries, the extraordinary leadership of the Hierarchs who have served the Metropolis over the past century, and the presentation of the 2023 Theofanis Economidis Award to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. For information on tickets, sponsorships and donations, please visit: www.sanfran.goarch.org/Gala

Deacons Retreat – All Are Invited!

The Metropolis Clergy Continuing Education Ministry is hosting a retreat for Clergy, Deacons and Diaconal candidates (current and potential) from November 3 – 5, 2023 at Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, CA. The retreat will feature guest presenter Fr. Seraphim Aldea, founder of the Orthodox Monastery of All Celtic Saints on the Isle of Mull in the Hebrides. The retreat is also open to all interested faithful, who will have the opportunity to benefit from the insightful presentations being offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and Fr. Seraphim Aldea. For more information, please visit: www.sanfran.goarch.org/events.

Fall Parenting Series

Join George Papageorge, Metropolis Director of the Family Wellness Ministry (FWM) for the along with the entire Family Wellness Ministry team, for the launch of the Fall 2023 two-part parenting series on Zoom integrating solid psychological research and wisdom from Orthodox Christian teaching providing insightful and practical content with opportunities for interactive discussion. These sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, October 11 and Wednesday, November 8 and will share about cultivating stable emotional connection, communication skills, parenting styles and integration of authentic faith in Christ. Sign up today at www.familywellnessministry.org

Young Adult Fall Retreat – “The Life You’re Looking For”

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and OYM (Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Ministries) will present a Young Adult Fall Retreat from Friday, October 13 – 15, 2023 at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. The retreat theme for this year’s Young Adult Fall Retreat is “The Life You’re Looking For” and will be led by Christian Gonzalez, the Director of Ministry for OYM. Join with other Orthodox young adults from throughout the west for a weekend of fellowship, prayer and inspiring presentations. Register online at: www.gosfyouth.org.

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](#)



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!



Desert Diamonds

Julie Karoutas
for senior parishioners and their guests:



Dear Friends,

Hoping you are well, many thanks to those of you who have been able to help with the baking & preparation for our Church's festival.

In the meantime, save the date, Thursday , October 26th at 11:30 a.m. for our fall picnic, on the church's patio. This will be a complimentary event, thanking you for all that you have done.

Most important request is that you please RSVP no later than October 19th. We need time to plan, to purchase and prepare for a wonderful picnic.

I am planning to have some games, and perhaps a bit of trivia.

Let us gather together in Fellowship and enjoy the Beautiful Autumn weather. It's been a long hot summer, let us now enjoy our beautiful Outdoors.

Once again, we thank you for all that you do for our wonderful Church.

Yours in Christ,
Julie Karoutas
email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com
Cell# 623.313.8720



St. Demetrios in Tucson Fundraiser

October 14, 2023



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Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, October 19 at 6 PM

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AHEPA Chapter 219

November
4th

FAMILY PICNIC



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Food, Music and Fun



Saturday, November 4th: 11am-2pm
McCormick Stillman Park | Fenstermacher Pavillion
7301 E. Indian Bend rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250
BBQ Buffet and Drinks Provided

Please RSVP with Alex Sarantis or Art Boujotas by October 28th!
Alex - 989.600.6785 | Art - 480.586.0511

Daughters of Penelope

Chapter 432
Phoenix, AZ



Dear Sisters of Helenos #432, Aegina #340 & Phoebus #146,

Save the date! On Saturday, October 21st we will be hosting a Joint Visitation Luncheon meeting with our Sisters of Aegina #340 and Phoebus #146, Tucson, AZ. A newly re-activated chapter! Please plan to attend this very special meeting/ social function. There have been changes in our Constitution and our Ritual that you should be made aware of. We have many outstanding members, we want you to succeed! Some of our District Lodge Officers will be present as it will be the official visitation of our District Governor, Carol Stathopoulos. It promises to be a meeting of Learning, Laughter, Fellowship, a few door prizes and FUN.

An official program will follow; Coffee & Danish available at 11:00am; A delicious Luncheon at approximately 1:00pm; Cost of Luncheon is only \$20.00 inclusive. Please **RSVP** no later than **Friday, the 13th of October**.

Cash or checks, made out to: **D20 DOP Helenos #432**. Please note: any monies beyond our expenses will be used to donate to one of our DOP charities & credited to all three chapters.

Date: Saturday, October 21st, 2023

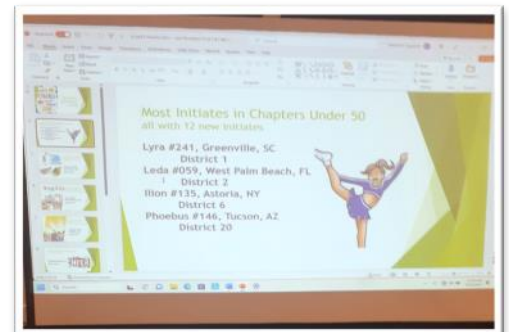
Time: 11:00am

Location: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Small Hall in Community ctr.
1973 E. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016

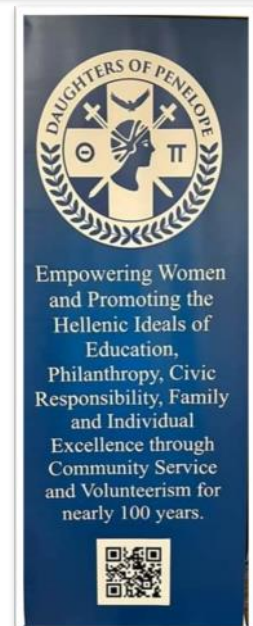
Event: D20 DOP Greater Phoenix & Tucson chapters Luncheon meeting

Sincerely yours,
In Theta Pi,

Julie Karoutas,
President, Helenos #432
Email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com



Enjoy some pics from the National convention.



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,
and we'll get you added to list!

Upcoming Youth Volunteer Event

OPA Family Volunteer Opportunity

FMSC offers volunteers a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to our incredible partners working hard to reach the neediest children around the world.



OUR EVENT:

Group Name: HT Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Group size: 30 Spots reserved
Location: 1345 S. Alma School Rd, Mesa, 85210
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023
Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM



Volunteer age requirements

Please follow this student-to-adult ratio when
registering to volunteer:

- For safety reasons, children under the age of 5 are not allowed in our packing area (sorry, no exceptions)
- Grades K-2: 1 student to 1 adult
- Grades 3-6: 3 students to 1 adult
- Grades 7-12: 4 students to 1 adult

SIGN UP TODAY

Upcoming Parenting Event



The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
FAMILY WELLNESS MINISTRY and
OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
present "REAL LIFE ~ Parenting from the Heart with
George Papageorge, M.F.T. and the FWM team
on ZOOM

SESSION 1:
HOW KIDS ARE WIRED
PARENTING INSIGHTS INTO
EMPATHY & HEALTHY BOUNDARIES
WED. OCTOBER 11 - 6:30 PM (PST)



SESSION 2:
**RAISING KIDS WITH
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**
PARENTING STYLES
THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE
WED. NOVEMBER 8 - 6:30 PM (PST)



 REGISTER for the zoom link:
familywellnessministry.org



Upcoming Youth Lock-In

SECOND ANNUAL GOYA

FALL

Lock-In
October 20 - 21

Sign up at assumptionaz.org/lockin or
scan the QR code!



Questions? Niko Paris:
youth@assumptionaz.org



Youth Ministries at Holy Trinity Cathedral 2022/23

4F Night: God is Wondrous in His Saints

Our 4F Nights return again on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 4:30pm-8pm! Our theme this year is "**God is Wondrous in His Saints**" and every month we will learn about a different "type" of saint and how we can apply what they did to our lives as Orthodox Christians even in our world today! PLEASE mark off these dates in your calendar for the whole year.

HOLY TRINITY 4F
2023/24

DATES:
SEPTEMBER 16
OCTOBER 21
NOVEMBER 5 **GODPARENTS SUNDAY**
NOVEMBER 18
DECEMBER 16
JANUARY 20
FEBRUARY 24
MARCH 16
APRIL 6 - **LENTEN RETREAT**
APRIL 27 **LAZARUS SATURDAY**
RETREAT
MAY 11

WORKSHEET ASSIGNMENTS DUE AT FOLLOWING 4F, AFTER COMPLETING
3: ICON
5: PRAYER BOOK
10: BIBLE

RESOURCES

- Weekly Bulletin attachments/narthex handouts
- DailyReadings App
- Weekly Sunday School Questions
- Catechism and Bible Study classes
- Fr. Apostolos and Fr. Alexander

September 4F

Saturday, September 16, 2023



Youth Ministries at Holy Trinity Cathedral 2022/23

House Meetings

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](#).



Other Opportunities

Reach out to Fr. Alexander [here](#) if you'd like to learn how your children can be involved such as

- serving as an Altar Boy
- singing in the Choir
- learning Byzantine Chant
- joining 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

Festival Finale Dance Practice

October 1, 2023



Greek Dance

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Director

Email: npanos01@yahoo.com

Call/text: (602) 469-2039



THE ORIGINAL PHOENIX
GREEK
Festival
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GREEK DANCE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

FRI 06	5:30PM	PRE-K / KINDER 3RD - 5TH GRADE
	7:00PM	1ST / 2ND GRADE 6TH - 9TH GRADE
	8:30PM	HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG ADULTS
SAT 07	12:00PM	LITTLE LAMBS 1ST/ 2ND GRADE 6TH - 9TH GRADE
	2:00PM	PRE- K / KINDER 3RD - 5TH GRADE
	4:00PM	PRE-K / KINDER 1ST/2ND GRADE HIGH SCHOOL
	6:00PM	3RD - 5TH GRADE 6TH - 9TH GRADE
	8:00PM	HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG ADULTS
SUN 08	12:00PM	LITTLE LAMBS 1ST/ 2ND GRADE HIGH SCHOOL
	2:00PM	PRE-K / KINDER 3RD - 5TH GRADE 6TH - 9TH GRADE
	4:00PM	GRAND FINALE ALL GROUPS