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4,525 people visited the Cathedral during the 2023 Festival Weekend!

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Message from Father Apostolos

Relational Parish Growth

Despite the unexpected heat this year, our 2023 annual parish festival was a record-setting success in every way. Details will be shared at the December Parish General Assembly meeting. It is estimated that over 30,000 patrons attended the festival and that 4,500 of our guests took a tour of the Cathedral itself.



It is tempting to bifurcate the Church tour aspect from the larger festival grounds and to suggest that the Cathedral tours are a uniquely spiritual experience while the other aspects are not, or are at least less so. This was a view that I held to for many years. However, I stand corrected and have come to a deeper awareness of the spiritual nature of providing food and fellowship to our guests. Both aspects are essential to parish growth!

Fr. Alexander and I provide detailed and intensive catechetical materials to our seekers and catechumens in the weekly classes offered at Holy Trinity. Here, we attempt to inculcate Orthodox teachings, doctrine, history, practices, and ways of being over a span of one year before receiving them into the Holy Orthodox faith. Such formational efforts are essential for any and all whom the Holy Spirit leads into the Church.

Yet, no matter how effective and coherent these efforts may be, without the relational aspect of inclusion demonstrated and celebrated in our annual festival, it is unlikely that any but the heartiest would-be parish members will remain in the parish for long. Correctly understood, and to borrow an analogy from St. John Chrysostom, it requires both wings - the doctrinal and the relational - for this bird to fly.

We may ask ourselves why so very many patrons choose to attend our festivals. Is it the scrumptious homemade food, the tables of sweets, the beautiful dancers, the vendors' wares, the energetic music that brings them in by the thousands? Yes, to all of these elements! But I have come to the realization that the underlying attraction for our guests is the spirit of joyful communion we exhibit and share with them.

Once, out of curiosity, I stepped off the distance from the doors of the Cathedral to the doors of the Community Center and discovered it to be precisely one city block. (Hence, the reluctance of visitors to walk this distance unescorted after attending a Divine Service!) This physical distance is itself an impediment to the growth of our community.

Unless we build a bridge!

And that bridge is the relational energy we demonstrate at every festival. Year to year, I am introduced to friends of our members who volunteer to assist in our booths and in other areas of need. Imagine that! Non-members choose to offer the gift of their time to us! Why would that be? Perhaps it is simply to share in the joy of being included in so grand an undertaking.

What might be the result if we extended ourselves in the same way to the handful of visitors who attend virtually every Sunday Liturgy? Have we invited those same friends to liturgy who work with us in the festival? Or, do we greet those new faces in the coffee hour who often sit by themselves at a table with the same infectious joy that animates our festivals?

It is tempting to believe that the key to parish growth is some oblique and intensely spiritual activity best left to the priests and other zealots, but the answer could not be more obvious. If we build a relational bridge between the Cathedral and the Community Center, taking the festival dynamic as a model, we will begin to see our membership grow quickly!

My prayer is that we will take fresh inspiration from the festival and apply this successful methodology to our Outreach Ministry. May it be blessed!

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

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



Stewardship 2023 Theme: Giving Thanks: Eucharist Stewardship

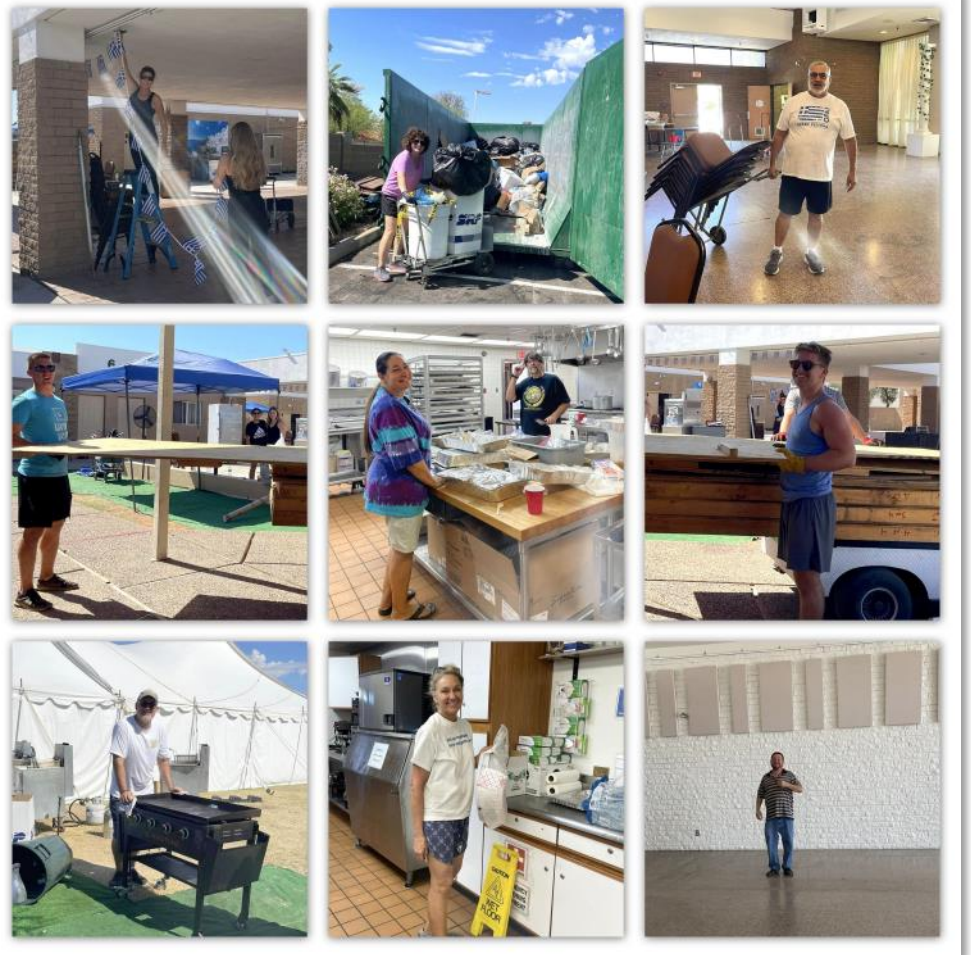
STEWARDSHIP IS SOMETIMES A DIRTY JOB, BUT SOMEONE'S GOTTA DO IT!

We were blessed to have another incredibly successful festival with all of our parishioners working hard to set up, cook, serve and work hard for the weekend. But some of the toughest and most thankless work came on Monday.

When the crowds were gone, the band stopped playing and the last Gyro had been served, that's when the toughest part of the festival took place... the morning after clean up!

What a beautiful and true act of stewardship that some of our parishioners were able to take an extra day off of work to help disassemble, pack up, organize, sort, scrub, dump and clean.

Our campus was in need of some serious tender loving care as she hosted more than 15,000 people over three days. Not an easy ask from an aging facility. But as she always does, our beloved Holy Trinity took yet another beating from the festival and lived to tell about it. And so, our people came out and helped put her back together to be ready for the next week of Bible study, youth group, and of course Divine Liturgy.



Huge, heartfelt thanks to those who came out on Monday for “the morning after” clean up: **Steve Apostolidis, Pete Choukalas, Kathy Clarke, Ted Furlis, Nick Kretsedemas, Joanna Mackos, Sandy Meris, Athena Pappas, Angelo Pestrivas, Chris Petroulakis, Kalli Schneider, John Schneider, Peter Schneider, Michael Vaughn, Scott Vaughn, Terri Vaughn, Paulina Watson.**

And to those who came out over the course of the next several days, we thank you as well for all of your help!

House of Stewards

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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.

☪☪
**Next Meeting on Sunday,
November 5, 2023
at 12:15 pm
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center**
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Thank you to October hostesses Kathy Carras and Maggie Karakozis!



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

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Tuesdays at 9:30 am

All are welcome!



In Support of Our Seminarians

*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

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, November 19, 2023
2:00 p.m.

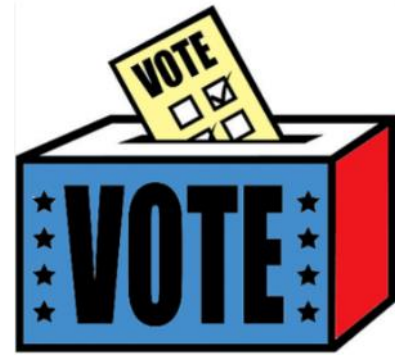
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*Light
the Path*

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

Parish Council Elections

December 10, 2023



Save the date so YOU can participate!
Candidate information coming soon.

Parish Council Self-Nomination is Open

Those interested in serving on the Parish Council can call the Cathedral office or pass by and pick up a Candidate Profile to fill out. **Applications are due Friday, Nov. 17 to the Cathedral office.** Parish Council elections will be on **Sunday, Dec. 10.** Parish Council prospective candidates are eligible if they: 1) Been a steward in good standing for 2022 and 2023 (signed a Stewardship Pledge Card and completed pledge for 2022, plus signed a Stewardship Pledge Card for 2023 and made a financial contribution). 2) At least 21 yrs old 3) She or He live their life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church 4) Participate regularly in the Sacramental and Eucharistic life of the parish 5) Attend a seminar with Father Apostolos – date TBD

Parish Assembly Meeting—December 10, 2023

(Immediately following Divine Liturgy)

A meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral; Speros Community Center. 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. As provided in the uniform parish regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America—Stewards in Good Standing are invited to attend and participate.

Agenda

- 1) Call to order – Paul Katsenes, President, Parish Council
- 2) Opening Prayer- Fr. Apostolos
- 3) Determine if a Quorum exists
- 4) Election of Chairperson for Parish Assembly
- 5) Appoint Parliamentarian, President, Paul T. Katsenes
- 6) Appoint secretary of Chairman and reading of minutes of previous Parish Assembly
- 7) Fr. Apostolos and Fr. Alexander updates for the Parish
- 8) 2024 Budget review and adoption of budget-Jim Manelis
- 9) Stewardship Committee Report - Sandy Meris
- 10) Investment /OSOV Committee – Charles DeMoss
- 11) Festival Committee Report – Nick Kretsedemas, Ted Fourlis, Angelo Pestrivas
- 12) Community Refresh Project – Connie Contes
- 13) Elect Board of Elections 2024 (min of 3 members for 1 year term)
- 14) Unfinished Business
- 15) New Business
- 16) For the Good of the Cathedral
- 17) Closing Prayer
- 18) Motion to Adjourn

STEWARDSHIP PARISH-WIDE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROJECT

Let's put smiles on the faces of the boys at St. Innocent Orphanage at Project Mexico!

Our goal is to raise \$1,200 to buy 7 new bikes for the boys at the orphanage. We need to move quickly as the deadline is Sunday, December 3rd.



To give to this worthy cause either place a check in the passed or Narthex trays during Liturgy. Be sure to write "bicycle drive" in the memo line. Or give online by visiting: www.holytrinityphx.org, click on "stewardship" in the upper right hand corner, then click on "ShelbyNexty" then select "one time" giving then select "bicycle drive."

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."

Luke 6:28

Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

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

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

Thank you!



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We have had 4,494 site visitors in the last 30 days!

Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023



Thank you doesn't cut it for all our amazing volunteers and dancers this weekend! You braved the heat with a smile and true philoxenia in your heart!

Thank you to Chairs Ted Fourlis, Nick Kretsedemas, and Angelo Pestrivas!

OPA and here's to another fantastic and memorable festival!



Just a Few Photos of Our Amazing Workers!

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Original Phoenix Greek Festival

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Church Tours

From Tour Chair Kristen Bruskas, “Our visitors were truly impressed with the physical beauty of the church and also gained important insight into our precious Orthodox faith. It was uplifting to witness the interaction of our volunteers with our guests.”



Thank You Lunch

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped make the Original Greek Festival one of the best yet! You survived the great heat and still served our guests with a hearty smile and an OPA!

Sunday, October 15th we offered a Thank You lunch after church for all!

**thank you
for your
awesomeness**



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Just a Few Photos of Our Amazing Dancers!

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Friendsgiving Potluck & Pie Contest



**HOLY TRINITY PARISH-WIDE
FRIENDSGIVING
POTLUCK**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 4PM

we have so much to be thankful for in our parish community, let's celebrate together!

THANKSGIVING DINNER POTLUCK

PIE CONTEST ● PUMPKIN PAINTING

HOT COCOA & CIDER BAR ● FIRE PIT



FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK

**PLEASE RSVP & SIGN UP FOR THE
POTLUCK USING THIS LINK**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949AAA923A46-45337880-holy>

PIE BAKING CONTEST

Bring any homemade pie and our panel of judges will choose a winner and award a trophy! Then our community will share the rest!

QUESTIONS OR VOLUNTEER

Call or Text Pres Laura if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help beyond bringing a dish to share!

602-315-7402

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 October Celebration Sunday, we celebrated Penelope Eliades' baptism and four anniversaries! Nick and Dena Kantaros celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, Fr. Apostolos and Pres. Denise Hill celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, Richard and Katina Wood celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, and Ian and Debra Harrison celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. The theme was harvest décor with brown, gold, and white balloon garlands, mini pumpkins, and centerpieces of dried Indian corn and acorns.

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 October, the Communal Cooking crew led by Phillip Panagiotoglou cooked and served a delicious meal of pasta with mixed vegetables and chicken, garlic bread, Greek salad and fresh watermelon. We also had a cake to celebrate all the October birthdays! 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—October

October 1, 2023

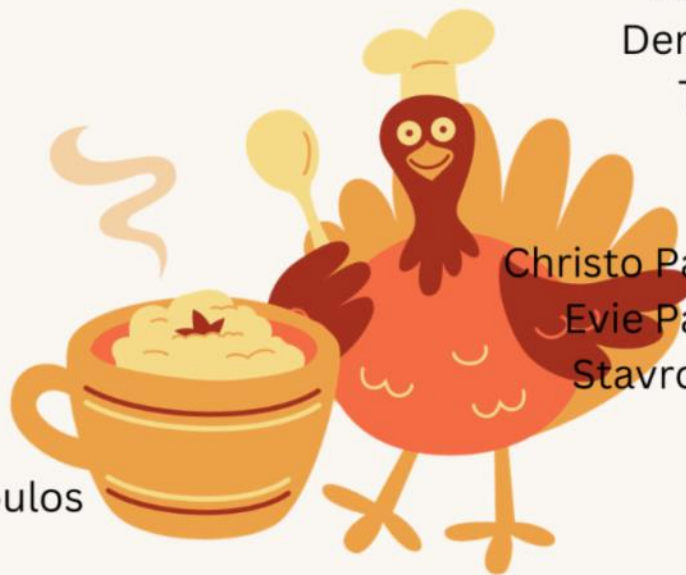


Celebration Committee

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Marguerite Agnos
Athena Beaty
Stacy Benetos
Efstathia Bouras
Thanos Chimonas
MaryAnn Chiros
Cristina Chise
Kathy Clarke
James Contes
Yiorgo Cooper
Nick Daniolos
Andrew Delord
Eric Delord
Irene Demas
Steven Dennis
Dena Economopoulos
Helen Fernandez
Roula Froumis
Stella Glitsos
Eva Goodman
George Hasiotis
Aleena Haugen
Gelu Isfanut
Nicholas Kamboukos
Ted Kanelos
Tina Karegeannes
Julie Karoutas



Thomas Katsenes
Maria Maciejewski
Phyllis Mack
Atticus Mallas
Maria Maniatis
Douglas Markakis
Steve Mastorakos
Joanna Mastorakos
Demetrios Mavroidis
Themelis Miaoulis
George Miller
Jerry New
Christo Panagiotakopoulos
Evie Panagiotakopoulos
Stavros Papamatheakis
Betty Papas
Irene Pappas
Joshua Pardhe
TeAnn Philippis
Christine Sarantinos
George Sbiliris
George Sgouros
Rachel Speliopoulos
Argyro Vasquez
Dimitri Vassiliou
Anastasia Vassiliou
Naya Vlahos
Yvonne Vranes

November

Our Church Family

40 Day Blessing

“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”
Psalm 27:4



10/22/2023

Tyler, son of Laurent & Chris Bass
God's Blessings be upon him.

Baptism

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



10/14/2023

James, son of Laurel a& Nicholas Petsas
Godparent: Peter Janos
God's Blessings be upon him.

Tell Us Something Good

Long-Time Chanter Joshua goes from Holy Trinity Phoenix to Holy Trinity New York City!
Love and prayers for your new chapter!



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.

Desert Diamonds

Julie Karoutas

for senior parishioners and their guests:

Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends,

For our November outing, our AHEPA brothers have invited the Holy Trinity parishioners to attend their annual **AHEPA #219 Picnic!**

Date: Saturday, November 4th, 11-2:00pm
for a BBQ Buffet. Beverages provided!

Location: McCormick Stillman Park -
Fenstermacher Pavilion
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd.,
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Please RSVP with Alex Sarantis or Art Bouzotas.

Alex: 989-600-6785

Art: 480-586-0511

Yours in Christ,

Julie Karoutas

email:

juliekaroutas@gmail.com

Cell# 623.313.8720



Choir “Notes”

By Terri Alexon

Choir Director

telephone, 480-233-2416



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

October of this year was an active month for the Cathedral Choir! Firstly, we celebrated National Music Ministry Sunday on October 1st, which is the name day of the Choir’s patron saint, St. Romanos. Secondly, the Choir and I are most appreciated for the generosity of the parishioners who contributed to the special offering tray. Those monies went to pay for additional sound equipment, namely an additional monitor that helps properly disperse the organ’s sound up in the loft. Thirdly, everyone, especially the Cathedral Choir, gave a fond farewell to Joshua Pardhe who ventured off to work in the “Big Apple” and chant at the other Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City.

During the entire month of October, the Choir hosted coffee hour with a myriad of food items, including those contributed by the Choir members as well as the tasty leftovers from the Greek Festival. All food items and monetary contributions were put to beneficial use. Appetites were satisfied and the funds set aside to tune the three pianos that are used for weddings, the Christmas pageant and other events held by the Cathedral. This annual expense is necessary to maintain the sound and integrity of each instrument. It is a small but important aspect of what the Music Ministry needs to do.



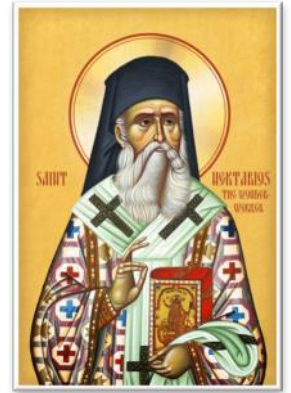
Finally, we are deeply humbled by all your love, prayers, and encouragement, especially when things do not go perfectly. It is obvious that the music ministry requires rehearsal and the dedication to show up every Divine Liturgy to facilitate worship. It also requires music that inspires! To that end, the Cathedral Choir recently added to its repertoire a new Trisagion hymn, which was composed by Nazo Zakkak. This music is from the same composer who wrote the beautiful Hymn of Kassiane in English that the Choir sang on Holy Tuesday.



After the Thanksgiving holiday, the Choir will be singing “I Parthenos Simeron” and traditional Christmas carols after Divine Liturgy. We fervently hope your Advent season is brimming with health, peace, and joy. Blessings to all!

St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou
stnectariosphx@gmail.com



Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple

Commemorated on November 21



The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

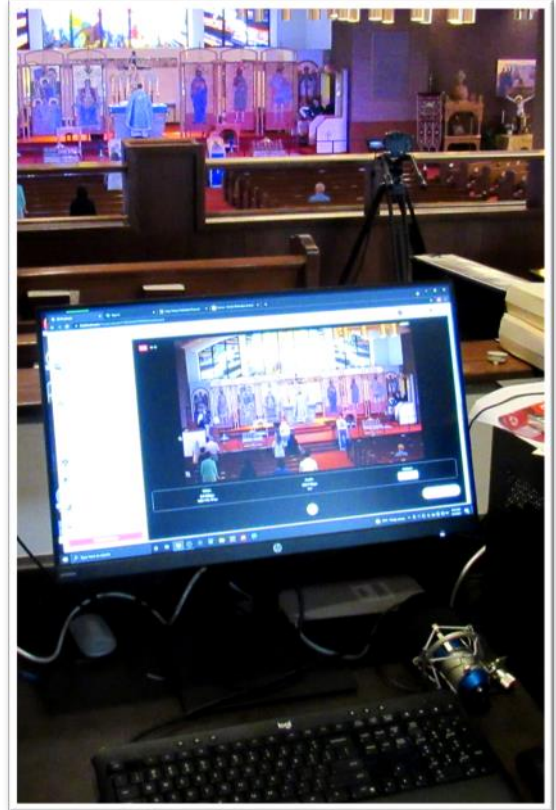
The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.



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.

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

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 **\$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

Platinum Donors: \$100,000+

Faye Boukas
George & Ann Souvall
John George Thomas

Gold Donors: \$50,000+

Dr. Nicholas Baziotes
Silver Donors: \$25,000+
The DeMoss Families
IMO+ Tasia Pritchard

Bronze Donors: \$10,000+

Gabriel & Helen Papagallos, IMO+ Mary Montague, John & Mary Katsenes, George & Koula Cheros, IMO+ Dina Sakellarakis, Steve & Joan Vrahas, Ange & Alex J. Pappas, James & Connie Contes, Dennis & Anastasia DeBerry, IMO+ John G. Zannaras, Steve & Judith Vrahas, Irene Pilafas Pappas

General Endowment Fund donations over \$1,000.00

Dr. Christopher J. DeMoss, the Lambrou Family

In Memory Of Gifts:

IMO+ Stacy Hotis, IMO+ Danny Speros, IMO+ Mark Sprintz, IMO+ Chris Gabriel, IMO+ Fr. James & Presb. Katherine Tavlarides, IMO+ Fr. Anthony & Mary Coniaris, 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+ James H. Karros, IMO Bette Maniatis, IMO Dan Lester Hill



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Please list my/our endowment gift as follows: _____

Here is my/our one time General Endowment gift, which I/we may add to, of: \$ _____

I/we wish to make a gift of \$ 10,000.00 or more payable, now _____, or over a three year period.

With this form \$ _____

Year Two \$ _____

Year Three \$ _____

By: _____

Dated: _____ 20__

Donor, please sign and keep a copy for your records.

All gifts will be preserved in the archives of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

+ 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.



Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry

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 Kaejatídarján (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>).



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.

Metropolis News

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

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!



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/or your envelope number in the memo line**. i.e. stewardship, candles, etc.



Thank you all!

AHEPA Chapter 219—For Everyone!

November
4th

FAMILY PICNIC



SPONSORED BY AHEPA CHAPTER 219

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



DOP D20 Helenos #432 hosted a joint D20 DOP Greater Phoenix/Tucson Meeting and D20 DG, Carol Stathopoulos visitation. We were also honored to have Grand Zone Governor, Robbie Jackson present, as well as D20 LG, Linda Kotsakis and D20 Marshall, Leilani Snyder. A special "Thank You" to our D20 DG Carol Stathopoulos for her visitation and for taking the time to create a special informative packet for All.

We welcomed newly initiated Joan Bryson to Helenos #432. Welcome Joan! A special Sisterhood, "Thank You" to All for joining into this special meeting.

Sincerely yours, In Theta Pi,
Julie Karoutas, D20 DOP President Helenos #432



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

*Family
Volunteer
Event!*

Upcoming Parenting Event


METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

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



Little Lambs Festival Parade



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

October 4F

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Another fun 4F on Saturday! We learned about the Unmercenaries and how we can freely give what we have freely received as they did! We also began the night by combing our field for trash leftover from the Greek Festival. Thanks to all who came out and we'll see you November 18!



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



St. Katherine Event with Dancers



A TASTE OF GREECE
ONE DAY EVENT
Greek Food, Pastries, Music
& Costumed Dancers
Beer & Wine... OPA!
Free Admission &
Free On-Site Parking
TAVERNA
Rain or Shine - Inside
Community Center
Saturday, November 4th, 11am-8pm
St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Community Center
Just South of Elliott on Dobson Rd
2716 N. Dobson Rd, Chandler AZ 85224
For more information, visit our Facebook page or ATasteofGreeceAZ.com



Our costumed dancers will be performing



Assumption Winter Retreat—Save the Date



SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL YOUTH
WINTER
Retreat
January 12 - 14, 2024
Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott, AZ
Registration opens November 1, 2023
Questions? Niko Paris
youth@assumptionaz.org
Y&Y
ASSUMPTION YOUTH - YOUR ADULTS



All Saints Camp

November 11, 2023



ALL SAINTS CAMP CELEBRATION BANQUET

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 11, 2023

ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY CENTER

\$50 ADULTS | \$30 COLLEGE STUDENTS
\$20 KIDS 6-12 | KIDS UNDER 6 EAT FREE

The event will replace this year's ASC Golf Invitational to raise funds to benefit the All Saints Camp Ministry and is being hosted by Camp staff! Everyone is invited (bring the whole family) to enjoy a small taste of the camp experience while learning about how it helps our children and young adults that participate each summer. Next year's camp theme will also be announced!

BEGINS WITH CAMP VESPERS AT 6:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY THE BANQUET AT 6:30 PM



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