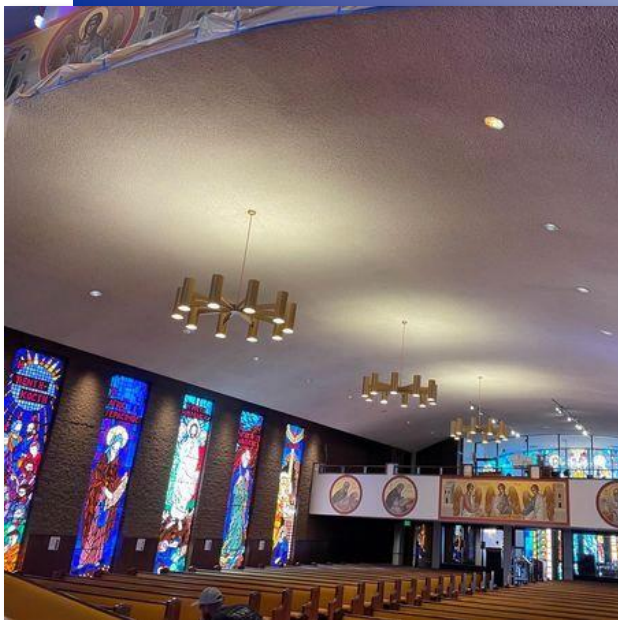
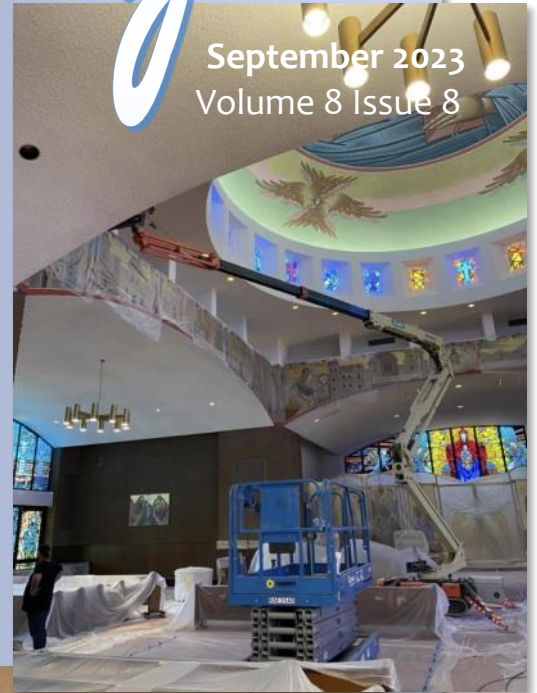


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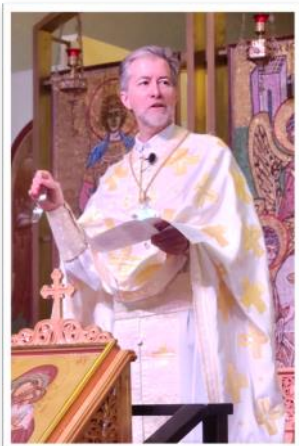
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Message from Father Apostolos

On the Crucified Life



The Christian experience differs from other religious expressions in that it holds as its essential talisman a implement of torture and death. Throughout the ages, the Cross has been synonymous with the Christian Faith and has served as the emblem by which Christians and their communities were readily identified.

However, as the Christian experience in our times has been corrupted by socio-political movements, the presence and message of the cross has been displaced from its once lofty perch. There remains but a distant echo of the centrality of the Cross and of the Crucified Life of the Christian once embraced as the path that leads to sanctity and salvation.

The pastor and writer of the last century, A. W. Tozer, wrote; "The crucified life is a life absolutely committed to following after Christ Jesus. To be more like Him. To think like Him. To act like Him. To love like Him. The whole essence of spiritual perfection has everything to do with Jesus Christ. Not with rules and regulations. Not with how we dress or what we do or do not do. We are not to look like each other; rather, we are to look like Christ. We can get all caught up in the nuances of religion and miss the glorious joy of following after Christ. Whatever hinders us in our journey must be dealt a deathblow."

Tozer's words reflect the simple proclamation which Jesus offers in St. Matthew's Gospel: "Whoever wants to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (16:24,5) And again; "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." (10:38)

Such words hardly serve as effective recruitment slogans. To suggest that a religious affiliation will make life harder is unlikely to attract more adherents. And yet, we witness many seekers and aspirants investigating Holy Orthodoxy precisely because the breezy and casual "faith" so widespread today is a manifest sham. It only stands to reason that if the aim of our religious strivings is to secure for ourselves the goal of eternal salvation it should not be less demanding of us than the other goals of our lives which will not survive the grave.

Jesus summed this very neatly when He told His Disciples; "From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12) This is understood to mean that the way of the Cross that leads to salvation is not an easy path to follow. Real effort on our part is required as we work synergistically with Jesus Christ, "working out (our) own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12)

In St. Luke's recording of the Sermon on the Mount, he includes this question from Jesus; "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' but do not do what I tell you?" (6:46) The same question applies to us as we offer the refrain "Lord, have mercy" in our liturgical prayers, but to call Jesus Christ "Lord" or "Kyrios" clearly entails a

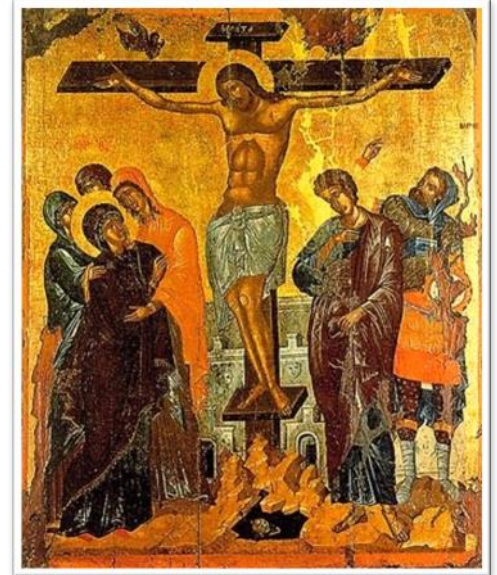


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willingness, nay, an eagerness to be obedient to His words and to His will for us. And it is at this crucial junction between our will and His will that the power of the Cross is revealed.

If we look closely at the icon of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Golgotha, we may note that the Cross appears as a dagger stabbed into the earth. One tradition of this icon suggests that the bones sometimes depicted in the earth under the Cross are those of Adam and that the Cross is indeed the weapon whereby Jesus killed sin and death. In like manner, the Cross of Jesus Christ, and the crucified life it begets within us frees us from the realm of sin and death and bequeaths to us that "newness of life" and "abundant life" won for us at Calvary!



To live the crucified life of a Christian means that we need no longer be a slave to our passions and sinful proclivities, to the wounds we bear from past traumas, from the fears and anxieties of modern life. The Cross we celebrate this month is more than a lucky charm we wear around our necks. It is a potent reminder that we, like St. Paul, are “crucified with Christ, nevertheless (we) live, yet not (us) but Christ Who lives in (us.) And the life that (we) now live in the flesh (we) live by faith in the Son of God Who loves (us) and Himself for (us.)” Galatians 2:20

An uncrucified life, that is, one wherein Jesus Christ is not really the Lord of every aspect of our lives and not merely those we choose to surrender to His lordship, cannot be said to be an authentic Christian life at all. There is no getting around the Cross on the path toward the Kingdom of Heaven. There can be no joy of Pascha without the sorrow of Holy Thursday. May we celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Cross this month secure in the knowledge that “through the Cross joy has come into all the world.”

Parish Assembly

Sunday, September 10, 2023

As provided by uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, a meeting of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish Assembly will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Speros Community Center, 1973 E. Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 85016, immediately after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023.



Agenda will include details of scope/costs and request for decisions on the Community Refresh (there will be more information coming soon.)

All Stewards in good standing are eligible to attend and vote.

List of Stewards in good standing is on pages 6 & 7. Please call the Cathedral office if you have questions at 602-264-7863.

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

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



Stewardship 2023 Theme: Giving Thanks: Eucharist Stewardship

Huge kudos to all of you, our Stewards, for asking yourself if you can give more, do more. Each year, our Stewardship continues to grow and we are seeing the fruits of our labor.

The most exciting Stewardship news is that we have surpassed our 2023 Stewardship goal! The goal was to collectively pledge \$500,000. As of July 25th we have 333 families that have pledged \$544,090. And we have collected \$307,904 thus far which is more than halfway to our total. We are truly so grateful to every single Steward for your generosity and dedication. Every one of your hard earned dollars goes toward enriching our Cathedral family through programs, ministries, worship and keeping our expansive campus operating and thriving.

Our Cathedral family continues to grow as we gain new families who find Holy Trinity and become Stewards. Whether they are local families who discover us for the first time or they are new to the Valley and are in search of a church to call home, our membership is growing!

In other exciting news, two big campus projects are taking shape. First, our beautiful Cathedral has a fresh coat of interior paint. This is hopefully the first step of much needed Cathedral improvements and updates. Our Cathedral is the center of all we do and who we are at Holy Trinity and taking care of it should be our utmost priority. We hope you will join us at the Parish Assembly on September 10th to vote on the next steps of this important project.

The second project is the refresh of our outdoor youth space in connection with the Alexandra Sampson Memorial Project. The basketball court has been resurfaced and repainted to include basketball and pickleball lines. This will be of use for not only our youth but our young (and not so young) adults as well.

The money for the new court was donated by Tracy Poulos in memory of her beloved husband James Poulos who was the Nouno (Godfather) of Alexandra Sampson. We are truly grateful to Tracy for this beautiful act of generosity. A community-wide dedication celebration will be planned following the Festival.

When we trust in the Lord, set our sights high and continue to grow in our own personal Stewardship as well as our collective Stewardship goals, there is truly nothing we can't accomplish! "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

***Important Note:**

In order to participate and vote in the upcoming Parish Assembly Meeting on Sunday, September 10th you must be considered a "Steward in good standing." Which means, **you have filled out a 2023 Stewardship Pledge Card and made a financial contribution toward that pledge.**

The current list of "Stewards in good standing" are on pages 6 & 7. If your name is not on the list and you believe this to be an error, please contact Heidi Bass in the church office: adminassist@holyltrinityphx.org or (602) 264-7863.

**“Progress and growth
are impossible
if you always do things
the way you’ve always
done things.”**

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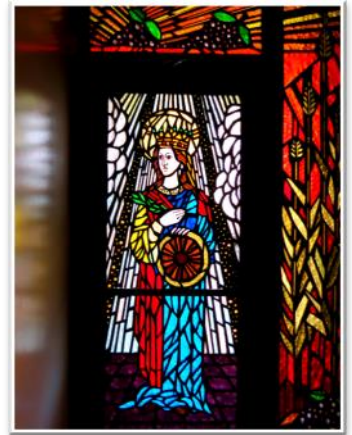
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Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Kristen Vasilarakos, President



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



**Next Meeting on Thursday,
September 7, 2023
at 6:00 pm
for the Blessing of the Waters in the Cathedral
followed at 6:30 pm for the meeting
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center**



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 Trays



Our chapter passes trays throughout the year to benefit various causes. Following Divine Liturgy **six times a year**, the women of Philoptochos will pass trays to collect your donations for the following beneficiaries:

09/10/2023 Holy Cross/Hellenic College
11/05/2023 the Patriarchate
11/19/2023 the chapter here at HTC
12/03/2023 St. Nicholas Ranch
01/07/2024 St. Basil's Academy
04/28/2024 Epitaphio Flowers for HTC

In most cases, our chapter will add to the collected amount.
Your donations are much appreciated!

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

1st Vice President—Cathy Chiros Keyser

2nd Vice President—Julie Karoutas

Treasurer—Georgia Furlis

Assistant Treasurer—Patty Davis

Recording Secretary—Lois Sakkas

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Advisor—Alex Anagnopoulos

Board At Large—Kathy Carras, Georgiana Friehe, Eva Goodman, Bessie Hotis, Zoe Pestrivas, Mary Louise Theodoropoulos, Katina Wood

Bottled Water Drive

Until September 10, 2023



St. Mary's Food Bank has reached out asking for our help to organize a bottled water drive. With this relentless and unprecedented heat, the homeless population is being hit especially hard.

FAQ's...

Q: How Can I Donate?

A: Donate with **cash** - Simply drop your cash in the water bottle in the Narthex

Donate with **check** - Make out to "Holy Trinity Cathedral" and put "Bottled Water Drive" in the memo line. Drop your check in the collection basket in the Narthex.

Donate with **credit card** -

Step 1: Click on this link: [holytrinityphx.org](https://www.holytrinityphx.org).

Step 2: Click on "One Time Donation"

Step 3: Click on "Fund" and select "Charity Drive" in the drop down screen. Enter your amount and information.

Q: When Can I Donate?

A: **Sunday, August 13th - Sunday, September 10th**

Q: Who are we helping?

A: St. Mary's Food Bank tackles hunger in Phoenix and 9 Arizona counties with food distribution, children's feeding programs, and hands-on training programs that teach adults with barriers to become gainfully employed in the food, service, warehouse and logistics industries

***"Carry each other's burdens and so you will
fulfill the law of Christ."***

- Galatians 6:2

Divine Liturgy in the Speros Center Large Hall

Sunday, August 13, 2023

For the first time in **50 years** since the Cathedral was built we celebrated Divine Liturgy in the Speros Community Center as our Cathedral was recoated with paint.



Photos by Kristen Bruskas and Anna and Mary Pardhe

Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023



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 Kefalograviera 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

Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023



We need 100% participation from our Cathedral family. It takes all of working together to make the festival happen. Areas where help is needed:

Food Lines

Cashiers (various booths including the pastries)

Admissions

The week prior to festival weekend is a busy week preparing and building out. There are day and night needs, so if you can spare a few hours during that week. Please contact the front office at adminasst@holyltrinityphx.org or call 602-264-7863 about volunteering.

FOOD HANDLER CARDS

If you are volunteering at any booth serving food, you need to get your food handlers card! It's easy and quick and all online. Visit efoodcard.com, study, take the test and give a copy to the office.

FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

Friends of the Festival letter and form will be mailed out next week, but you can donate now! Use the QR code on the form to donate directly - no paperwork needed! Simply open your camera on your smartphone, hold it over the QR code and the ShelbyNext link will appear. [Click here for the form.](#)

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

Do you have a business or do you know of a business that may want to be a corporate sponsor of our Festival? Being a sponsor brings awareness and recognition to your business. There are a variety of sponsorship levels starting as low as a banner with your company name and logo for \$2,000. Contact Tasso Annos for information: tssannos@gmail.com.

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

*Festival News continued on page 14
Desert Springs September 2023*

Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 6, 7, & 8, 2023

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 calendars for the following dates:

Set Up - Saturday, Sept. 23th; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Set Up - Saturday, Sept. 30 at 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

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

BAKING SCHEDULE

The amazing ladies of our Cathedral are asking for your help with baking our delicious Festival pastries and breads. Baking will take place on **every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning of September beginning the first week of September.** Please consider helping out.

FOOD LINES

We have purchased another steam table for the food lines enabling us to open a 4th line during the festival. Therefore, we will need additional volunteers to help us keep these lines moving quickly and efficiently. Please contact Thad Tropea to volunteer: tropea5@q.com.

ADMISSIONS BOOTH

This year we are expanding our admissions booth and adding credit card machines in hopes of moving the lines along quicker. Additional volunteers are needed to expedite this.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to be hosts at the museum. If you are interested in helping by taking a shift during the festival, please contact Bessie Hotis at 602-953-1913.

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](#).



Ministry Sunday

August 20, 2023



Youth Blessing for the School Year

August 13, 2023



Cathedral Refresh

Step 1!

As approved by our Parish Assembly in May, we have begun our Cathedral Refresh with repainting our ceiling and painting the four columns under the dome white. Come and see it this Sunday!

The St. George Chapel was painted too!



Have you checked out the website lately?

www.holytrinityphx.org

Events · Services · Photos · Calendar · Stewardship



Did you know?

We have had **39,391** site visitors
in the last 12 months!

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 August Celebration Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration and all August birthdays! The décor was based on a rustic summer theme of sunflowers and gingham. We had a balloon garland in shades of yellow with brown accents, a sunflower string garland, and vases with sunflowers on each table.

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. We're looking for more volunteers to help out on a monthly basis.

Communal Cooking Event

In August, the Communal Cooking crew served tuna salad, Greek-style potatoes, toasted bread, hummus and chips, along with various fruits, vegetables, and cookies. As usual, we had a cake to celebrate all the birthdays in August! 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—August

August 6, 2023



Celebration Sunday Set-Up and Communal Cooking



Celebration Sunday Social

Celebration Committee

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Alex Anagnopoulos

Chris Athens

Ted Barabatis

Heidi Bass

Sam Bass

Stacey Beaty

Maria Thomas Boyle

Fetlework Brook

James Bruno

Zoe Cartier

Juliza Cervantes

Kathy Contes

Marina Contes

Ed Cooper

Anna Counelis

Christos Counelis

Nick Daniolos

Mary Demetropoulos

Alexa DeMoss

Caroline Economopoulos

Katherine Economopoulos

Anna Ehrick

Jim Elam

Laura Eliades

George Froumis

Amy Hagerty

Donald Hall

Terry Harper

Elizabeth Hong

Anastasia Isfanut

Linda Kalivas

Nicole Kamboukos

John Karagiannis

Niki Katsaros

Alexandra Katsenes

Mary Katsenes

Nariya Kidd

Santanna Lopez

Efterpi Lourias

Anna Markakis

Madeline McKenzie

Ed McNamara

Paul Miller

Andrew Mitchell

Mike Moore

Irene Mourikes

Matthew Neumann

Alexi Panagiotakopoulos

Andrea Pappas

Alexander Petsas

Nicholas Petsas

Nitsa Rodopoulos

Theodora Sackos

James Sampson

George Sedlacek

Evi Skintzis

Jim Stamadianos

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Zachariah Yoon



September

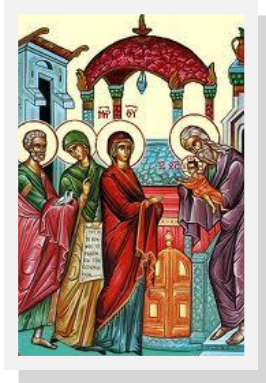
Our Church Family

40 Day Blessings

“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

08/06/2023

Lucas, son of Jenny & Chris Arger
God’s Blessings be upon him.



08/27/2023

Eliana, daughter of Maria & Luke Lipnos
God’s Blessings be upon her.

Funeral

“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

08/23/2023

Anastasia “Tessie” Lucas
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.



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!



HTC on Facebook

The page offers news of our Parish Community, in addition to offering links to podcasts and videos of our services.

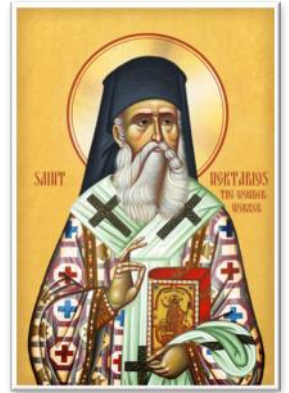
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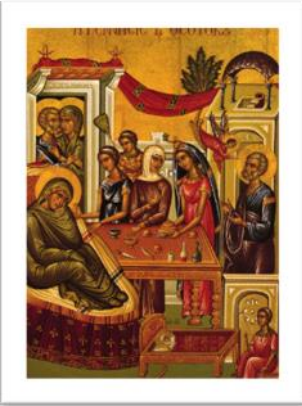
St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou
stnectariosphx@gmail.com

September is here, and again marks the beginning of a new Ecclesiastical Year!

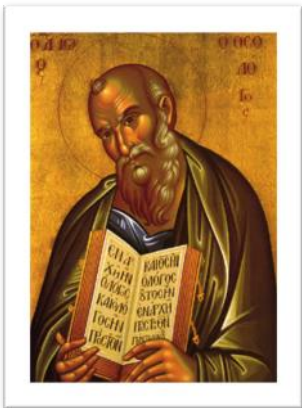
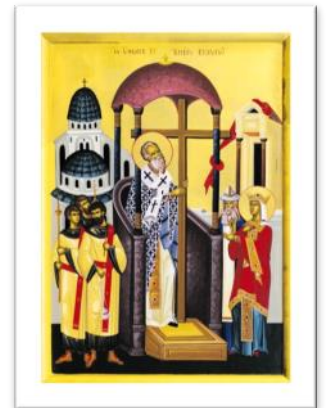


September Holy Days:



September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos – It is appropriate that the first great feast of the liturgical year brings us into the presence of the Blessed Mother of God, the highest example of human holiness!

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross – At this second of the great feasts we encounter the Holy Cross, which reminds us that Christ suffered His Passion and was crucified for our salvation because of His love for us. We are reminded to “bear our own Cross [the ones He gives us, our human trials, which are one of the aspects of the Cross of Christ] and follow Him.” Yet the Orthodox Church focuses upon the empty Cross, rather than a crucifix, because although Christ allowed Himself to be crucified for our sakes He also Resurrected Himself to remind us of His promise of Life Everlasting through Him.



September 26: Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian (Evangelist) – St. John authored his Gospel in Ephesus and wrote Revelations while exiled in Patmos. Tradition has it that he died in Ephesus around 104 A.D., at over the age of 100 years. He is also remembered on May 8.

Have a very blessed month! Come visit and reflect on what you must personally do to follow Christ!

Fall Classes

Registration for Fall catechism has begun. 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 beginning on August 26, 2023. 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.



Maintenance Corner

By Ted Furlis

htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com



Your Maintenance Team update: Roof repairs have been completed over the community center museum, and bank room by John Annos & Ted Furlis. The kitchen is in process of complete lighting upgrades. The ballasts are being removed, the fixtures are being rewired, and LED lighting is being installed. There are only four more fixtures to complete. Many thanks to Peter Bilitsis for managing this project, and to John Giannopoulos & Ted Furlis for assisting in the effort. Paul Valonis repaired a plumbing leak in the kitchen island. Paul & Dimitri Valonis completed changing out burned out light bulbs in the community center and replaced broken ceiling tiles. The basketball court is under a remodel and should be completed prior to this issue of DS coming out. Scott Vaughn, John Annos, and Ted Furlis detached the basketball backboards and rims allowing them to be repainted, then reattached the boards prior to the new surface being applied to the court. Paul & Dimitri Valonis, Heidi Bass and Ted Furlis are working with the Phoenix Fire Department to complete our fire systems review, analysis and coded upgrades. The kitchen exhaust motor failed after 25 years and is in process of being upgraded to allow cooking in our kitchen and for festival preparations. Thank you to Yvonne Vranes, and Paul & Dimitri Valonis for completing a complete revamp of the ministries storeroom in the community center. Industrial shelving was transferred from the cathedral basement to the storeroom to assist with the new reorganization. We are working diligently to prepare our grounds and facilities for our upcoming festival. Your maintenance committee meets every Wednesday morning keeping a running list of items for attention and completion. If you have any questions or would like to donate your time, talent, or treasure please email htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com.

Storage Room Clean Out

Saturday, August 5, 2023



The storage room to the west of the stage held **50 years worth** of decorations and supplies from events held in the Speros Community Center since 1973. Responding to the need to clear a path to the fire risers and to replace shelving, members of the Celebration Committee and Philoptochos, with the assistance of Dimitri and Paul Valonis, spent many hours sorting through the numerous items pulled from the room. Some items were kept, some were re-vamped for better use, and some were tossed. Thank you to all who worked hard to accomplish the **BIG** job!

Diamondback Greek Heritage Night

August 26, 2023



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!

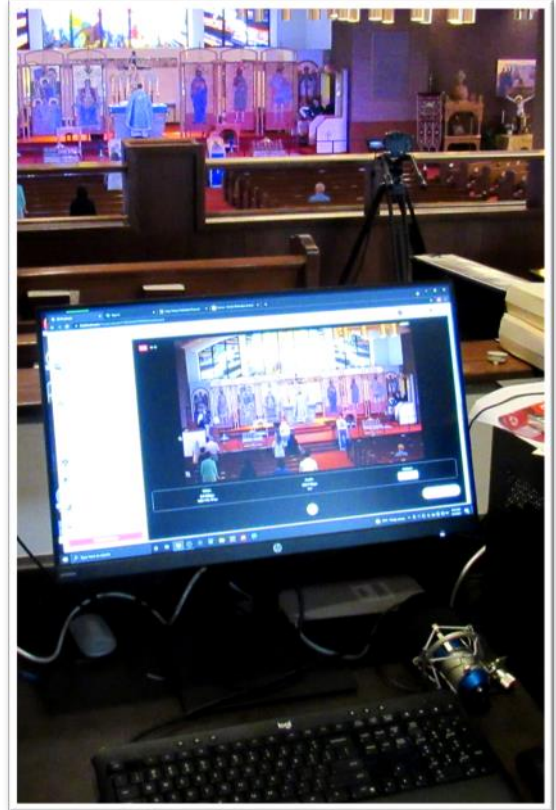
This new space will be primarily used by our youth but all our ministries are welcome to use it as well. We look forward to some fun times had by all. Let the games begin!



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.

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: _____

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Contact Phone: _____

Return this form to the Church Office or
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Endowment Fund

✦ THE HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT FUND ✦

The Holy Trinity Endowment Fund was established in 1992 with an initial deposit of \$2,000. The goal was to build the Endowment Fund whereby the interest and appreciation would one day provide sufficient income so Holy Trinity would no longer be totally dependent on an annual festival to supplement stewardship income.

The Endowment Fund is obligated to preserve the donor's contributions such that the principal will remain **inviolable** and be held in perpetuity by the Church. The funds are prudently managed by the investment committee, which reports to the Parish Council. The investment committee only approves withdrawals from the earnings and appreciation, over and above the donor's contributions, and are used only to benefit Holy Trinity and its ministries.

Over the course of the past twenty-nine years the committee has held steadfast to this mission, and as a result, generous donors from our Church, desiring to leave a legacy ***in perpetuity*** for their family, have made contributions totaling **\$644,340.00**.

This is your opportunity to put your lifetime thumbprint in the history of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

We have been blessed by the generosity and foresight of the individuals and families listed on the next page. We benefit today from their kindness and vision. If your circumstances allow you to give a gift above and beyond your annual stewardship commitment, then please take this occasion to join the others in creating a legacy by pledging your gift to Holy Trinity Cathedral's perpetual Endowment Fund. Gifts of \$10,000 or more will be separately listed along with others who have reached that level.

Your gift, no matter the amount, will be combined into the general endowment fund, and will be greatly appreciated.

Endowment Gifts

Platinum Donors: \$100,000+

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General Endowment Fund donations over \$1,000.00

Dr. Christopher J. DeMoss, the Lambrou Family

In Memory Of Gifts:

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Endowment Fund

+ CONSIDER GIFTING HIGHLY APPRECIATED STOCK. +

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

+ GIFT FORM +

Please list my/our endowment gift as follows: _____

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

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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

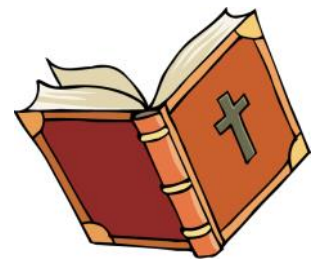
+ We Thank You and may God Bless You for your generosity. +



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.



AHEPA CHAPTER 219



Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, September 21 at 6 PM

Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Community Center
1973 E Maryland Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85016

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

CONTACT ED WEISS

602-321-4314

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS

OCT 28, 2023

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

CONTACT STEVE LEMERE

602-882-9990

Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director
phxgreeksschool@gmail.com



Holy Trinity Greek
&
Heritage School of Phoenix

We are very excited to announce that Greek School registration is now open through September 20th!

Enroll your child in Greek School for a year of learning our beautiful language, history, and culture.

We have a dedicated teacher preparing to guide and support our students. Fellowship and friendships are fostered in our school within our church community!

Reduced tuition: \$200 for Pre-K/1 (must be potty trained by Sept. 1st) \$400 for 1-8th
Books are **free!**

Students will be placed by levels. Payment: Check payable to Holy Trinity Greek School (with student's name in memo) OR Venmo (with Greek School and student's name in notation) @Irene-Dartoozos

Back to Greek School

Class schedule

Begins Wednesday, Sept. 6th,

Lil' Greek School learners: 4:00-5:00 pm

Greek School: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Please email: phxgreeksschool@gmail.com

We look forward to a wonderful year!

Irene Dartoozos-Mackos , Holy Trinity Greek School



St. Demetrios in Tucson Fundraiser

October 14, 2023

THANOS PETRELIS
Under the Stars

Special Guest:
Evangelia

Saturday, October 14, 2023
M.O.C.A. Tucson
265 S. Church Avenue
Tucson, AZ

Doors: 6 pm
Show: 7 pm

Benefitting the
St. Demetrios Building fund

Tickets and Information:
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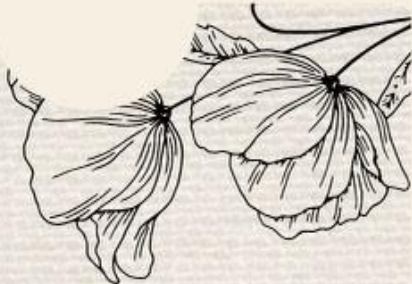
 

You Are Invited!

Saturday, September 23, 2023



PLEASE JOIN US FOR



Penelope Irimi's Baptism

09/23
SATURDAY

HOLY TRINITY
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CATHEDRAL

1973 E MARYLAND AVE
PHOENIX, AZ 85016

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A.M.

PLEASE RSVP TO PRES LAURA 602.315.7402

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
8194 W. Deer Valley Road, Suite 106-362
Peoria, Arizona 85382

Website [Facebook](#) [YouTube](#) [Instagram](#)



Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

Thank you to the **4F** for sponsoring Coffee Socials in August.

The September Coffee Socials are sponsored by **OPA**.

Thank 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 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!



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 July, we had a special community-wide presentation by Steve Christoforou from the pan-Orthodox FOCUS ministry. He shared examples of how the FOCUS pan-Orthodox ministry impacts cities nationally by building shelters that serve local communities. He also shared a proposal for building a new shelter in Phoenix. Over 50 attendees from 10 parishes joined us for the potluck and the Q&A session following Steve's presentation highlighted the interest for building a local Orthodox shelter. If you have any questions about the proposed FOCUS shelter in Phoenix or want to be involved in the effort, please contact Steve Christoforou at schristoforou@focusna.org. If you missed the meeting, a recording of the presentation can be found on our Living Orthodox YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/3O2roul>).

In August, our Living Orthodox event was held at Assumption Church. We celebrated Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition and attended the reception as a group.

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.



Daughters of Penelope

Chapter 432
Phoenix, AZ



Dear Sisters,

Save the date, **Sunday, September 17, 2023**. Our chapter will be meeting at 12:00 noon after Coffee Hour at Holy Trinity, in the Hall's Lounge area. Please plan to attend, we have much to discuss, plans to be made for future events to be enjoyed by all.

Our D20 DOP Lt. Governor, Linda Kotsakis, will be attending to officially swear in our new Lodge. There will be pictures taken of all attending. I want to see your beautiful smiles!

D20 DOP Helenos #432, **2023/2024** Lodge:

President: Julie Karoutas,
email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com

Vice President: Cynthia Bekiaris,
email: cynb1308@gmail.com

Secretary: Deedee Staikos,
email: deedeestaikos@gmail.com

Rec. Secretary: Irene Mourikes,
email: igmourikes@gmail.com

Treasurer: Niki Pallas,
email: elpinikiaz@gmail.com

Liaison/ Marshall: Toni Pandi,
email: tonipandi@cox.net

Please know that your input is very important to us, suggestions for future outings, etc., we want your participation! We have some amazing and talented ladies in our Sisterhood! "The Power of We"

I wish to thank Cathy Keyser, Angie Lambrou & Connie Panagiotakopoulos and all of the officers for their devotion to our Sisterhood.

Sincerely Yours in Theta Pi,

Julie Karoutas,
President, Helenos #432

Desert Diamonds

Julie Karoutas
for senior parishioners and their guests:



Dear Friends,

With Summer approaching, it is time for us to take a break until September. I may from time to time write to you; please read the contents. I would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions. I do have a special event planned for September, but you have to read any notices from either me or from some of our volunteers. We will also be very busy baking during the late summer months for the Festival!!!

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

Parent Social During September's 4F Meeting

September 16, 2023



Metropolis Senior Resort 50+ Camp

09/25-29/2023

The Metropolis of San Francisco Family Wellness Ministry presents **A Royal Adventure, Senior Resort Camp** for adults aged 50 or better!

Join us from Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29, 2023, at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA for good food, great company, and majestic experiences. And what Royal Adventure would be complete without high tea?

The adventure begins with registration on Monday afternoon. Our first Royal Feast will be Monday evening's dinner. The adventure concludes on Friday after breakfast. For registration information, please contact St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, CA 559-233-0397.

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
cjecomom@gmail.com,
and we'll get you added to list!

*September is
OPA's Coffee Hour*

CONTACT CJECOMOM@GMAIL.COM TO HELP!



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

August 4F

Saturday, August 19, 2023



Senior Goya Discussion

This upcoming school year we will hold a meeting with our Senior Goya (Grades 9-12) the first Sunday of every month (unless noted below) at 7pm. This will provide our High Schoolers with a great opportunity to connect with each other and their faith. The topics below are what we will generally begin with but discussions can go in any direction and we welcome input for the other meetings! Please mark these dates down:



September 10 - What is Love?, October 1 - Who Do You Say That I Am?, November 5 - Social Media, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 3, May 19

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

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

Greek Dance

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Director

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We are going to have 5 groups this year for festival broken down as follows base on Fall School Grades:

Pre K and Kindergarten

1st and 2nd Grades

3rd thru 5th Grades

6th thru 9th Grades

10th Grade thru Freshmen in College

Young Adults



PRACTICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY - AUGUST 27th
SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 3rd (NO PRACTICE)
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6th
SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10th
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13th
SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17th
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 20th
SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 24th
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 27th
SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1st
WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 4th
(SLAB REHERSAL)

