

Desert Springs

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, PHOENIX, AZ SERVICES OF GREAT & HOLY LENT 2025: MARCH 2 – APRIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 2	5PM - FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS
MONDAY, MARCH 3	CLEAN MONDAY - 6PM GREAT COMPLINE WITH CANON OF ST. ANDREW
TUESDAY, MARCH 4	6PM - GREAT COMPLINE WITH CANON OF ST. ANDREW
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5	5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY *POTLUCK TO FOLLOW
FRIDAY, MARCH 7	8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
FRIDAY, MARCH 7	6PM - 1ST SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS AND ANOINTING
SATURDAY, MARCH 8	8/9AM - MIRACLE OF KOLYVA ORTHROS AND DIVINE LITURGY
MONDAY, MARCH 10	6PM - GREAT COMPLINE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12	5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY *
FRIDAY, MARCH 14	8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
FRIDAY, MARCH 14	6PM - 2ND SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
MONDAY, MARCH 17	6PM - GREAT COMPLINE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19	5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY *
FRIDAY, MARCH 21	8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
FRIDAY, MARCH 21	6PM - 3RD SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
SATURDAY, MARCH 22	9AM-3PM - LENTEN 4F RETREAT FOR GRADES 1-12
MONDAY, MARCH 24	6PM - GREAT VESPERS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 25	8/9AM - ORTHROS/DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE ANNUNCIATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26	5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY *
FRIDAY, MARCH 28	8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
FRIDAY, MARCH 28	6PM - GREAT VESPERS WITH THE 4 TH STANZA OF THE SALUTATIONS
MONDAY, MARCH 31	6PM - GREAT COMPLINE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12	5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY *
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	6PM - THE AKATHIST HYMN
SUNDAY, APRIL 6	6PM - PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS HOSTED BY HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
MONDAY, APRIL 7	6PM - GREAT COMPLINE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9	5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY *
FRIDAY, APRIL 11	8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
SATURDAY, APRIL 12	8/9AM - SATURDAY OF LAZARUS - ORTHROS AND DIVINE LITURGY
SATURDAY, APRIL 12	HOLY WEEK 4F RETREAT FOLLOWING PALM CROSS FOLDING UNTIL 1PM
APRIL 13 - APRIL 20	PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND PASCHA (SEPARATE SCHEDULE)

*ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS OF GREAT LENT FOLLOWING PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY, WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK LENTEN MEAL AND REFRESHMENTS, ALONG WITH A BRIEF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION. BRING YOUR FAVORITE LENTEN DISH AND JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING!

ΚΑΛΗ ΔΥΝΑΜΗ! GOOD STRENGTH AND A BLESSED FAST TO ALL! HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW

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Please check the listings on this page and confirm that the information is correct. Email is the default contact type, but listings can be changed to text or phone if preferred. Email any changes to both the Office at manager@holytrinityphx.org and Kristen at kristen.vasilarakos@outlook.com. **It is the organization's responsibility** to inform Heidi, Yvonne, and Kristen of any updates to your listing.

Message from Father Alexander

Let Us Cleanse Ourselves!



This line or ones like it are often repeated throughout the upcoming time of Lent in the services of the Church. Our reaction to it should be for us a bit of a test. Am I offended by it? Do I feel ashamed? Do I ignore it (the easiest but worst option!)? Or does it excite me? Is the possibility of renewal, of cleansing of my mind, heart, soul, and even body something that I desire?

I hope it is! When I was a child I absolutely dreaded cleaning my room, yes I had made the mess and it was crazy but it was just fine! And that was a lot of work. But then I grew up and realized, yes it is a bit of work but the pay off is great, a clean room or house is a peaceful one. We must "grow up" in a way as Paul says and put "away childish things" and realize this Lenten period is a period of work, but one that grants a large pay off. I can be clean, renewed, and at peace and have the Resurrected Christ shining from my heart, no small thing!

But again there is the work portion that we perhaps balk at, I need to change things and perhaps make hard decisions on what to move on from and choose the clean over the mess, the godly over the worldly and this can be hard! But it grants immense freedom and peace and power from on high.

So I challenge each of you to examine this line, the prayer of the Publican even **"Have mercy on me O Lord."** Do I think I need it? Do I loathe to say it? Or do I find peace in it? This time of Lent can be a time of peace, perhaps not in our life and world around us but certainly in our heart. This can only come by responding to this entreaty of the Church to cleanse ourselves with the determined work of an adult with a day off and a messy house. "I can do it and it will be worth it." And we will find ourselves on Pascha with an even greater satisfaction and peace than we can imagine. So let us cleanse ourselves with all the cleaning tools the Church offers: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, the services, confession, reading of Scripture, and let us see how shiny the Lord makes us.



Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

“Your Own From Your Own”

*“To be a welcoming community,
sharing Christ’s love through faith and service.”*



JANUARY GOALS... SO HOW DID WE DO?

In December we set a Stewardship 2025 goal to have 100% of our parishioners complete their 2025 Pledge Card and make a contribution toward that pledge by January 31st. So, how did we do?

As of January 31st, we had **248 families or 70%** complete their pledge cards and 23% of those Stewards made a contribution toward their pledge. The good news is, over the years these statistics have continued to increase. We thank everyone who helped us reach this goal.

In addition, we are grateful to every single Steward for your generous giving in 2024. We had a wonderful year and we look forward to continuing our upward trend of growth.

2024 YEAR-END STEWARDSHIP TOTALS

Number of Pledged Stewards:	353
Total Amount Pledged:	\$549,753
Pledged Goal 2024 Parish Budget:	\$550,000
Total Amount Contributed to Pledge:	\$510,753
Total Percent Contributed to Pledge:	93%
Total Number of NEW Stewards:	36
Number of On-Line Giving (ShelbyNext):	95
Levels of Annual Giving:	
\$20 - \$100.....	34
\$101- \$500.....	100
\$501 - \$1000.....	67
\$1001 - \$5000.....	115
\$5001 - \$8000.....	14
\$8001 - \$10,000.....	3
\$10,001 - \$20,000.....	3
\$20,000 – plus.....	1
Pledged but (o) Contribution.....	16
Amount of Overpaid Pledged.....	\$33,181

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers



**LENTEN
VESPERS**
SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

MARCH 9 | ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,
SCOTTSDALE, 6 PM

MARCH 16 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMANIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH, GLENDALE, 6 PM

MARCH 23 | ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
PHOENIX, 6 PM

MARCH 30 | ST. IGNATIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH, MESA, 6 PM

APRIL 6 | HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL,
PHOENIX, 6 PM

Project Mexico Homebuilding Trip



For all high school youth and young adults, this **June 24-30**, Holy Trinity will be going to St. Innocent Orphanage to participate in Project Mexico Homebuilding! These spots are going to go quickly, so sign up now. To reserve your spot or for more information, simply email Fr. Alexander. To learn more about Project Mexico's homebuilding ministry, [click here](#) and check them out online.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL FATHER ASAP.

To make this homebuilding mission a reality, we also need to raise a great deal of funding to provide not only for our transportation and food costs, but also to afford the required building materials.

To donate to this trip and make it possible, click [here](#).

God bless you!

Procession



House of Stewards

As of 02/27/2025

Zachary & Adriana Aase
Terri Alexion
Andrew & Maria Allman
Calli Allman
Dina Anagnopoulos
Noah Andersen
Nikki Anest
John & Sandy Annos
Elaine Apostle
Argyro Apostolou
Christina Bakavelou & Chris Perry
Constantine & Eleni Balanis
Scott & Crisanne Bansner
Christopher Bass
Dean Bass & Liz Beckman
Sam & Heidi Bass
Joyce Baulinka
Scott & Stacey Beaty
George & Stacy Benetos
Stamatios Benetos
Dan & Vicki Bichekas
Peter & Jennifer Bilitsis
Helen A Bixenman
James & Helen Bruno
Alexander Brusalis
Georgia Brusalis
Chris & Rita Bruskas
Kristen Bruskas
Kathrene Carras
Frank Carris
Chad & Amanda Carver
Harriet Chotras
Jim Chotras
Pete & Kim Choukalas
Jarmeen Constantine
Andy & Mara Contes
Jamie Contes
Jim & Connie Contes
Alexandria Contoraudis
Max Cups
Zane Cups
Ethan & Talia Curtis
Nick & Sharon Daniolos
Stefanos & Tiffany Daniolos
Patty Davis
Hercules Dellas
Patrick & Karla Delord
Tom & Irene Demas
Anthony & Patricia Demopoulos
Dr. Bill C DeMoss
Charles DeMoss
Chris DeMoss
John & Marjorie DeMoss
Jimmy Drakos
Stanley & Fran Drozd
Anthony Dunn
Caroline Economopoulos
Christo & Dena Economopoulos
Peter & Virginia Economopoulos
James & Lisa Elam
Fr. Alexander & Presv. Laura
Eliades
Peter & Marie Eliades



Emil & Anna Ellis
Aristotelis & Dianne Euripidou
Mary Floor
Tim & Karla Floor
Anna Furlis
Athanase & Georgia Furlis
Athanasia Furlis
Ted & Andi Furlis
Tim & Antonette Fraenkel
Chris & Celeste Francis
Georgana Friehe
George & Julie Froumis
Thomas George
Polly Ginakes
Eva Goodman
Bill & Lynn Graham
Gina Graham
Gail Grevas
David Haag
Mary Haidos
Donald Hall
Ryan Halvorsen
Alex Harding
Terry Harper
Mary & Roger Harris
Alexia Haugen
Diane Herman
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Jean Kantaros & William King
Basilis & Roula Kaneris
Marianna Kaneris
Nick & Dena Kantaros
Voule & Cathy Kapetanakis
Vasilios & Vasiliqi Karagiannis
Chrisovalantou Karakozis
Maggie & Markos Karakozis
Tina Karalekas
Mia Karandreas

Julie Karoutas
George & Niki Katsaros
Lori Katsenes
Mary Katsenes
Thomas J Katsenes
Thomas M Katsenes
Jim & Poppy Kavouris
Fany Kechajias
Nikolaos Kentimenos & Panagiota
Kladou
Ronald & Virginia Kidd
Anastasia Kompos
Maria Kompos
Spiros & Maria Kontakis
Arthur & Carol Kostaras
Katherine Mihailidis Koster
Kostadinos & Anatoli Kostouros
Dean & Angela Koumontzis
Johnny & Elizabeth Kratsas
Tammy Kretsedemas
Greg & Deborah Caras Kunkel
John & Evangelia Lambrou
Bruce & Judith Lamond
Elias & Mary Lampos
Scott & Jill Leach
Basil Iln & Emilia Han
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Gregory Lizanich
Daniel MacInnis
James & Stephanie Machas
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Margarita Makris
Julie & Felix Mamani
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Bill & Rina Marinakos
Mary Lou Mastorakos
Stefan Matheos
Pamela Maydanis
Chris & Angela Mead
Stephen Mellas
Christian Meris
Katie Meris
Will & Sandy Meris
Justen & Virginia Merk
Anthony & Tania Miaoulis
Paul & Linda Miller
William & Jean Miller
Andrew & Anastasia Mitchell
John & Eleanna Mitchell
Philip & Helen Mitchell
Oleg & Emily Moroz
James T & Irene Mourikes
Spyro & Effie Mousses
Matthew & Sophia Neumann
John & Maria Nicholas
John Nicolettos
AnnaMarie Nieblas
Jennifer Orlando
Else Paletsos
Elizabeth Palmer
Alexi & Alexia Panagiotakopoulos
Niko Panagiotakopoulos
Chrysoula Papadopoulos
Socrates & Stephanie
Papadopoulos
Ria Papageorgiou

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Betty Papas
Nick Papas
Spyros & Rita Papaspyrou
Ari Pappas
Andrew & Emily Pappas
Fannie Pappas
John & Andrea Pappas
Daniel & Anna Pardhe
John & Dina Pesognelli
Angelo Pestrivas
Fotini Pestrivas
Zoe Pestrivas
Peter & Gayle Petkas
Chris Petroulakis
Bill & Kathy Petsas
Michael & TeAnn Philipps
Brian & Athena Pickett
Mary Poulakidas
Tracy Poulos
Pete & Anthipe Pries
Christine & Terry Pritchard
David & Nicole Pyle
Bertha Quinn
Lydia Rabbitt
Alexi & Sara Rentzis
Menelaos Rentzis
Voula Rentzis
George Rouman
Robert & Maria Rush
Stellios & Nicole Samaradellis
Les & Christine Sarantinos
Paul Sarantes

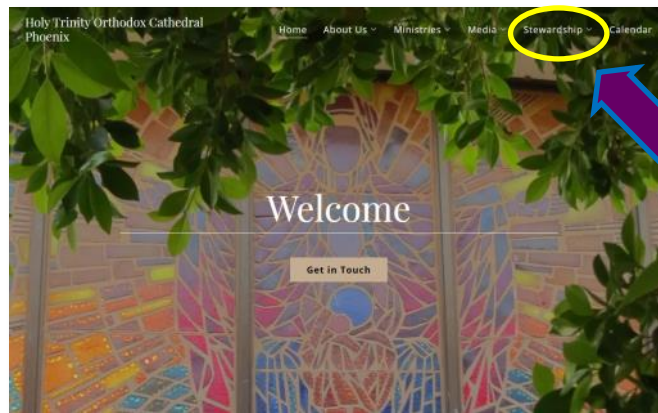
Eleftheria Scalise
Todd Schiller & Laurel Charnas-Schiller
Angela & George Scopelianos
George & Diane Sedlacek
Chris & Terry Seretis
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John Siavelis
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Robert Stamm & Elyse C Sioles
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Elias & Phyllis Skoubis
David & Alisha Solheim
Constantin Solomon
Angelo & Marie Spanos
Leo & Rachel Speliopoulos
Jim & Kathryn Stamadianos
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William & Rebecca Taularides
Nick & Effie Theodore
Jim G Thomas
Deac. John & Diak. Mary Thrasher
Andrew Touvannas
Dominic Tropea
Nathaniel G Tropea
Thaddeus & Katherine Tropea
Stacy & Gerri Tsantilas
Stella Tsantilas

Dean & Breenda Tseunis
Matthew & Eva Turgeon
Costa & Koko Tzavaras
Theodore & Georgia Tzeremas
Ray & Denise Unks
Daniel Valenzuela
Santiago Valles
Peter & Lindsay Vardalos
Kristen Vasilarakos
George & Anastasia Vassiliou
Scott & Terri Vaughn
Leah Venetis
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Zach & Mary Kladis Wilhelmi
Anne & William Wilson
Richard & Katina Wood
Christina Yarmak
Zachariah Yoon & Elizabeth Hong
Anthony & Karen Zaman
Dimitri & Eugenia Zannis
George & Katherine Zannis
Jerry & Amanda Zannis
Zella Zannis
Evangelia Zikos
Dimitrios Zistatsis
Eleanna Zistatsis
Michael & Christina Zistatsis

Easy Stewardship Sign Up!

ShelbyNext is
easy!

Go to
www.holytrinityphx.org
and then click on
Stewardship.

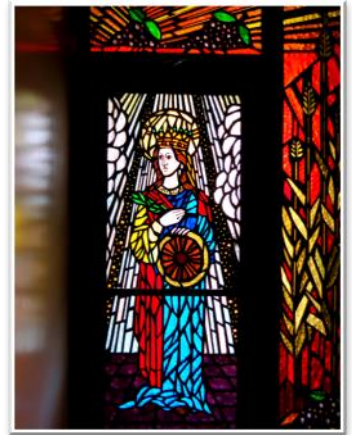


2025 PLEDGED FAMILIES

We offer you our thanks for your dedication to our parish and your participation in Christ's work of salvation. If you have not filled out a Pledge Card for 2024, please pick one up in the Church Narthex or [visit holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org). If you have filled out a 2024 Pledge Card but your name does not appear on this list, please know any omissions are unintentional. Please call the Church office immediately and we will resolve the situation.

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,
March 9, 2025 at 11:30 am
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center



Check in on a Parishioner—Circle of Angels

Do you have a family member or friend who has not been able to come to church lately? Please let us know! Call or Text Julie at 850-225-4978.



Online Auction to Benefit Kids'n'Cancer

Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family

KIDS 'N' CANCER CAMP AGAPE ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Arizona Philoptochos Chapters are reaching out to the community to support the Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Online Auction. Besides bidding on auction items, you can provide monetary donations/sponsorships.

**ANY AMOUNT WILL
HELP MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIFE OF A CHILD.**

Please visit the
auction site to donate →



Arizona Camp Agape

32auctions.com/CampAgape2025
facebook.com/Kids-n-Cancer-Camp-Agape

For more information or to donate an item for the auction call Kathy Connell at 602-524-1959 or Sam Kladis at 480-570-2539

**Kids'n'Cancer
Camp Agape**

A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Kids'n' Cancer is a non-profit community
outreach program of The SFO Ladies
Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

NEW Men's Socks

We are working alongside FOCUS to put together clothing bags for the homeless and we need athletic or casual socks. **On Sunday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 9**, there will be a basket in the Narthex to collect the socks.

Philoptochos is continuing to collect **coins for water!** Look for the water jug in the Narthex.

Thank you for your continued support for Philoptochos' causes!
You are appreciated!



COIN DRIVE!

Your coins will help
Philoptochos
provide water and supplies
to local charities!



Thank you!

Scholarships

2025 Philoptochos Scholarship Applications

As the right hand of the Church, Philoptochos is very appreciative to our parishioners for the support and donations they receive throughout the year, allowing them to give back to our HTC students by offering scholarships. Philoptochos not only provides scholarships, but they contribute to local, Metropolis, and national charities throughout the year. Applications are due **March 15**.



Pascha Bake Sale

April 6, 2025

Pre-Order forms coming soon!
Pick up on April 6 in the
Speros Community Center



Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos



St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival



Our Oratorical Festival is tentatively scheduled for **March 23**. All participants will receive **\$50**, and those who move onto the District Level will receive **\$100** for their efforts. This program allows our youth to learn more about their faith and express it in their own words while giving them confidence in public speaking. You will be coached by Chris Francis, Dan Valenzuela, Nick Petsas, and Fr. Alexander. If your child is interested (Grades 7-12), email Fr. Alexander for more info & topics the speakers can choose from.

Diamondbacks Greek Heritage Celebration Pre-Sale Offer!

OPA! The Arizona Diamondbacks are excited to invite fans to our Annual Greek Heritage Celebration at Chase Field on Saturday, September 6



against the Boston Red Sox. Purchase your tickets at: [https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Greekheritage7441!](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Greekheritage7441)

This Special Event ticket package includes a ticket to the September 6 game vs. the Boston Red Sox (first pitch at 6:40PM) and a Greek inspired D-Backs jersey (limited sizing available, first come first serve). All sales are final, no exchanges, returns, or refunds. Tickets based on availability. This offer can't be combined with other offers.

For groups of 10+ or for any questions, please contact Tatum Barstad at tbarstad@dbacks.com or 602.462.4287.



OYM INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT

JOIN US IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Orthodox faithful of all ages are invited for a one-day retreat focused on deepening our relationships with Christ and with one another.

ASSUMPTION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
8202 East Cactus Rd. | Scottsdale, AZ 85260

SCAN TO REGISTER



Coffee Hour Cold Brew



Every Sunday in the Hall!

Wednesday Evening Potlucks

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



Sunday of Orthodoxy— Bring your Icons!

March 9, 2025

Next Sunday,
March 9 is
Sunday of Orthodoxy
and our children will
process around the
church with their icons.

Please have them bring
an icon to church on
Sunday!



FOCUS
+ PHOENIX +
9am - 1pm
The First Saturday of the Month:

- Clothing
- Hot Meals
- Pet Food
- Free Haircuts
- Free HIV & Hep C Testing

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
1973 East Maryland Ave, Phoenix AZ



Scan for more info!



Church Website



Have you checked out the website **lately?**
www.holytrinityphx.org

Events • Services • Photos •
Calendar • Stewardship

45,579 visitors in 2024!

Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Furlis
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Maintenance Committee
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- ☑ The maintenance committee has been very busy the last few months!
- ☑ We are happy to announce that after two years of research, the short causing the loss of power to the chapel has been found. We worked diligently with our electricians to repair the issue. New electrical lines and panels are in process and the chapel should be back up and running with safe power very soon.
- ☑ We are in the process of repairing the parking curbs around the parking lot. Much damage has been caused by vehicles hitting our curbs. We are working on a redesign of the curbing to inhibit more damage to them.
- ☑ The Community Center bathroom septic lines have been jetted as they were backing up due to people flushing hand paper towels down the toilets. We are currently researching options to install electric hand dryers to elevate the backup issues. *Please do not flush hand paper towels down our toilets.*
- ☑ Two new air conditioners were installed in the Community Center so we should see much improvement in our cooling/heating and electrical bill.
- ☑ Seven new smart/wifi thermostats have been installed in the Community Center, Chapel, and Cathedral to assist with temperature management and electrical savings.
- ☑ A new Maytag washing machine was donated and installed in the Community Center to assist with washing needs.
- ☑ A new Halon extinguishing system was installed in the Community Center kitchen for safety and fire extinguishment. Our prior system was outdated and not operable.

We have many projects in the works!

Many thanks to Peter Bilitsis, Paul & Dimitri Valonis, Heidi Bass, Ted Furlis, and Yvonne Vranes for their continued support and efforts to enhance our maintenance needs in our community.

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance committee please email Ted Furlis at htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com.

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 to celebrate!

In February, we celebrated Alana Stoutenburg's baby shower along with all February birthdays! The hall was decorated with a Valentine's Day theme of red, pink, gold, and white with pink and red tablecloths, roses in assorted ceramic vases, a balloon garland, and tiny heart table scatter.

The Celebration Committee was in charge of hosting coffee hour in February and, with Mr. Phill's excellent cooking, provided a meal each Sunday. We also welcomed several new members who signed up



for the committee during coffee hour. If you want to support the ministry, either through funding or time, please let us know! For donations, please visit <https://bit.ly/HTphxCC> or put "Celebration Committee" on the memo line of checks made out to the Cathedral. To volunteer, email htcphxevents@gmail.com and/or talk to Terri Alexon or Mary Pardhe!

Communal Cooking Event

For Celebration Sunday in February, the Communal Cooking crew led by Phillip Panagiotoglou served roasted chicken, Greek style potatoes, pasta salad, Greek salad, and cake. 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!

February Celebration Sunday



Celebration Committee

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

John Antoniadis
Stratis Baker
Seraphina Bates
Heidi Bracamonte
Ani Bracamonte
Henry Carver
Patricia Christie
Jamie Contes
Mara Contes
Stacia Counelis
Max Cups
Sharon Daniolos
Stefanos Daniolos
Basil Davis
Ellen Deligiannis
Basil Denaxas
Mary Denooyer
Mary Fisher
Antonette Fraenkel
Catherine Frye
Thaddeus Frye
Christina Gardner
Kristen Ginakes
Mary Haidos
Rev. Fr. Apostolos Hill
Rebekah Paula Ihn
Gabriel Isfanut
Melina Johannesmeyer
William Kapolas
Nikolaos Kentimenos
Virginia Kidd
Arthur Kostaras
Anastasia Kratsas
Ariana Kretsedemas
James Kruljac
Anastasia Lambrou
Bruce Lamond
Georgia Lipane
Chris Lopez
Gabriel Lopez
Maria Lourias
Harris Manelis
Katerina Matheos
Pamela Maydanis

Will Meris
Katie Meris
Christian Meris
Noah Merk
Constance Miologos
Alexandra Nolen
Jennifer Orlando
James Oxley
Melissa Panagiotakopoulos
Dean Papadopoulos
Susie Papadopoulos
Eleni Papadopoulos
Katerina Papamatheakis
Mike Papamatheakis
Stacy Papatzimas
Chris Perry
Dina Pesognelli
Christina Petsas
Demetrios Pickett
Kay Poulos
Paul Prato
Anna Pries
Hazel Rentzis
Robert Rush
Milissa Sackos
Nicole Samaradellis
Stacey Sampson
Peter Schneider
George Scopelianos
George Sebastian
Chris Seretis
Elias Skoubis
Sophie Solheim
Christopher Sonier
William Spell
Genevieve Speros
Jonathan Stamatis
Thad Tropea
Nathaniel Tropea
Mary Ann Tsakiris
Michael Vaughn
Zachary Venetis
Paula Walsh
Adam Wilson
Isaac Wilson
Richard Wood
Litsa Zikos

March

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



02/23/2025

Benjamin Sullivan, son of Kiyana Graham & Matthew Sullivan

God's Blessings be upon him.

Baptisms

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



02/01/2025

Beckham, son of Adriana & Zachary Aase

Sponsor: Miranda Konstantinides

God's Blessings be upon him.

02/01/2025

Jovi, daughter of Jaclyn & Matthew Walsh

Sponsor: Andrea Strategos

God's Blessings be upon her.

02/22/2025

Adeline, daughter of Eva & Matthew Turgeon

Sponsors: Mara & Andy Contes

God's Blessings be upon her.

02/22/2025

Eva Turgeon

Sponsors: Scott & Jill Leach

God's Blessings be upon her.



Chrismation

02/22/2025

Matthew Turgeon

Sponsors: Scott & Jill Leach

God's Blessings be upon him.

Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount



Please join Fr. Apostolos for a new semester of Bible Study focusing on the Sermon on the Mount from St. Matthew's Gospel. The Study begins at **5:00 PM Sunday afternoons**, available only via Zoom. Please [email Fr. Apostolos](#) for login information.



Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

The February Coffee Socials were sponsored by **Celebration Committee**.

The March Coffee Socials are sponsored by **Greek School**.



THANK YOU!

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

The Campus Missionary from our OCF ministry is in need of new housing near the ASU Tempe Campus. If you have or know of suitable digs, please contact Aleksander at alucic@ocf.net or at 708-921-5881.



The Arizona Hellenic Foundation

has a scholarship program which was established to promote, encourage, induce, and advance education at the college and university level for students of Hellenic descent with at least one parent or guardian residing in Central Arizona. For eligibility requirements and applications, please visit the Foundation's website www.Azhellenic.org. Applications are due on **April 1, 2025**.

Educator's Group at Holy Trinity

For all of our current or retired teachers, and administrators, you know what that feels like!

How were finals and posting grades? Stressful? How did you feel about the first semester? What do you look forward to in the second semester?

Let's take some time to share and learn from each other.

Remember, this is for all public, private, and charter school educators. We are all one! **This invitation is also extended to our future educators. Join us.**

If you have any questions please email Chris Francis at battersbox7@yahoo.com, or call 623-523-3013.



Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director
phxgreeksschool@gmail.com

Are you ready to learn Greek- Classes start in November!

To sign up or learn more, visit our website www.greeklanguagekitchen.com

Look forward to welcoming you to our Greek Language Classes and hoping you explore the beauty and richness of the Greek Language!



Holy Trinity Greek & Heritage School of Phoenix

What YOU Can Do to Help Visitors Feel Welcome

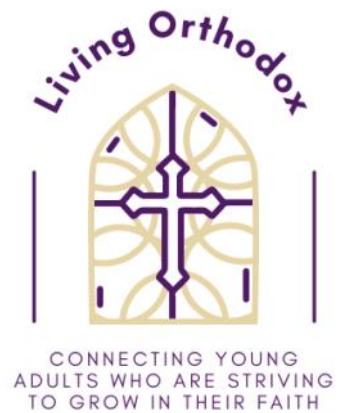
Have you noticed new faces? We've had many visitors stop by lately. Some are Orthodox and visiting from other Parishes, some are returning to Orthodoxy after a long time away, and some are coming to check out Orthodoxy for the very first time. No matter how they come to us, let's make sure we say Hello!

"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 (18-30s) who are striving to grow in and connect with their faith. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/LOconnect> for our email/SMS lists!



February Potluck

In February, we welcomed Napoleon Kanari, pastoral assistant at St. Katherine's Church, as the guest speaker for our potluck and discussion. The topic was "Feastdays of the Church: A Brief History". Look for presentation notes in an upcoming newsletter. We will not be having a potluck in March, but we encourage everyone to attend the pan-Orthodox Vespers held at various parishes!

February Social Event

For our first social event of 2025, a group of young adults met in Scottsdale for a wonderful dinner followed by mini golf! It was a lovely time of fellowship and community building. Follow on social media for future events!



OCMC Dinner

In March, Living Orthodox will be hosting Fr. James Retelas, Mission Center Development Officer, from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), the missions and evangelism agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. He will be in town from March 15-17th.

On Saturday, March 15th at 6:30 PM, we are arranging a special dinner and presentation by Fr. James on OCMC and ways to support their efforts. The event will be held at Holy Trinity and is **free to attend for all ages**, but RSVPs are required to help us plan. To RSVP, visit www.ocmc.org/phoenix-dinner.

On Sunday, March 16th, Fr. James will be co-celebrating Divine Liturgy at Assumption and speaking at the evening pan-Orthodox Vespers. The next day, he will be speaking at the Orthodox Christian Fellowship meeting.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Living Orthodox, please email us at livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com! You can also visit <https://linktr.ee/livingorthodox> for links to our social media.



ALL ARE INVITED

Missions Celebration Weekend

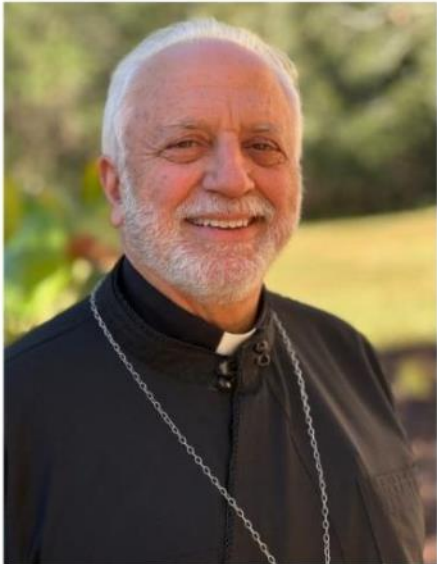
A Pan Orthodox Event

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5PM Vespers; 6:30PM-7:00PM Meet & Greet;
7:00PM-8:30PM Dinner & OCMC Program

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

1973 E. Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016



With Mission Center Development Officer, Fr. James Retelas

At the Mission Center, we are committed to helping others nurture a lifelong relationship with Christ in mind, body and spirit. A key tenet of our Orthodox approach to missionary work, this commitment is embodied in the daily activities of not only our missionaries, who foster spiritual growth and community engagement from the earliest stages of life wherever they may be worldwide, but to all Orthodox faithful even here at home. Father James looks forward to continuing this dialogue with you. Join us for fellowship and dinner.

For questions email: Mary Pardhe, President of Living Orthodox Ministry at livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com, or OCMC Event Planner Elaine Drikakis at elained@ocmc.org



**FREE Event. RSVP Required.
Donations Encouraged &
Sponsorships Available!**

www.ocmc.org/phoenix-dinner



www.ocmc.org

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

All services can be found on the **Home
Page** of the Cathedral's website
www.holytrinityphx.org,
in addition to the continued postings on
our Facebook page.



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

HTC on Facebook

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

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Our Next Meeting

Joint Meeting With Daughters of Penelope

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025
Location: HT Speros Community Center
Time: 6pm cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres
Dinner: 7pm
Meeting: 7:45 - 8:45pm
Cigars on the patio: 9:00 - 10:00pm

RSVP: AHEPA219@GMAIL.COM
or call President Costa Tzavaras
(602) 999-9819

Membership Information

Contact Pete Marudas
602.284.1638
Rosemar2@msn.com



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AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations

AHEPAN OF THE YEAR

Andrew Touvannas



Ecclesiastic Award

Phillip Panagiotoglou



Rookie of the Year

Alex Sarantis



Unsung Hero

Todd Schiller



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AHEPA CHAPTER 219 AWARD NIGHT CELEBRATION



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!

Summer Camp



FDF Greek Anthem



4F—February 22, 2025



Upcoming 4F Night
March 22
Lenten Day Retreat

Holy Trinity Cathedral and Assumption Present:
2025 Youth Lenten Retreat
The Arena of the Virtues
Arming Ourselves with the Virtues in the Midst of the
Lenten Struggle

**March 22 9am-3pm @ Holy
Trinity Cathedral**
Grades 1-12 Welcome
Lunch Provided
RSVP Here:
<https://tinyurl.com/ValleyLenten2025>

Join our combined youth as we participate
in a day of prayer, learning, fun, and
formation!

FDF—Faith, Dance, Fellowship 2025

February 13-16, 2025

We are so proud of all our dancers, directors, and volunteers who worked so hard for a successful FDF 2025! Everyone enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship and dance together. All our groups danced their best and represented our Cathedral well with these results:

Astrapi (Grades 1-3): 4th Place and Choral Award
Division 1 Musician Award: Marko Papamatheakis
Costume Award: Ta Patriotakia Cretan Costumes

Scholarship Award Winners: Eleni Economopoulos and Ariana Kretsedemas



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PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Hosted by the Brothers of
AHEPA Chapter 219

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES

HOLY TRINITY
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
1973 E. MARYLAND AVE - PHOENIX

\$35 Adults
\$25 Ages 6-17
5 and under free

**Menu: Greek Style Cod (with Plaki or Skordalia), Greek Style Potatoes,
Green Beans, Shrimp Scampi, Pasta Marinara, Rolls, Fruit Salad, and
Dessert/Coffee/Beverage Service**

**Reservations beginning Sunday, March 16th during Coffee Hour in the
Speros Community Center**

Or Contact:

Andrew Touvannas (509) 628-6293

All Reservations Must Be Paid at Time of Purchase