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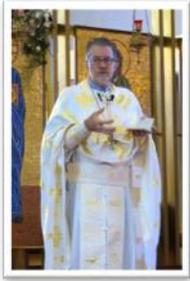
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# Message from Father Apostolos



In his 2018 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival speech, **Joshua Pardhe** addresses the scourge of violence in society and gives a spiritual solution to it.

Topic Question #5: Our lives are saturated with violence, not only in terms of the proliferation of war and terrorism but even as entertainment through movies and video games. In such an environment, how can a Christian cultivate virtues that lead to empathy, peacemaking, and self-sacrifice?

“Imagine that you stumbled across this comment as you browsed YouTube: “I’m going to be a professional school shooter.” How would you react, and what would you have done? When I first heard those words on the news, I was shocked, since as a Christian, I couldn’t understand how someone could so callously threaten to kill people. I thought that everyone who originally saw this comment would have instantly flagged it for removal, but we know of only one person who took the initiative to report the comment to the authorities. Most people did not see the aggressive comment as a problem. On St. Valentine’s Day last month, we all watched as the writer of this sentence actually carried out his threat at a high school in Florida. Why didn’t anyone act when faced with such a violent comment? Has our society become desensitized to such violence? And what can we as Orthodox Christians do to in a world that is filled with it?

There are two main sources of violence that we experience each day: real and fictional. We see real violence in the horrible events around the world due to the spread of war and terrorism these days. Events like these are a reality that people face: up to 1.5 billion people today live in areas of political instability, conflict, or large-scale organized violence. However, many relief organizations like the IOCC and the Red Cross have gone into these war zones to bring peace and love to those affected by war, trying to reduce the amount of violence and cruelty in our world. But there is another way that violence affects each and every one of us, and this is in the form of fictional, created violence. We see violence like this inundate our lives through video games, movies, and TV shows. Ultra-realistic movies used to cater only to a fringe of mass culture; but now, anatomically precise effects, advanced 3D graphics, and a proclivity to leave absolutely nothing to the imagination has caused our entertainment of all forms to become more gruesome than ever. With this kind of exposure to violence on a daily basis, it becomes clear why most people didn’t respond to the YouTube comment I mentioned above: we had become indifferent to its content.

So how did violence enter the world? It was never found in the original state of man, as Fr. Athanasios Mitilinaios explains. Since the devil was jealous that God gave Adam and Eve dominion over all creation, he tempted them to eat the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, hoping that God would kill them for their disobedience. Once the devil saw that God not only allowed Adam and Eve to live, but even allowed them to bear children, the devil tempted Cain to kill his brother Abel. This was the first entry of violence in our world. In our current era, it is manifested in the wars, terrorism, and violence-infused “entertainment” of our generation.

But we don’t have to stay under its influence. Although the devil’s goal is to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus Himself came to save us and give us a way towards salvation. As we read in the Bible, Jesus came to bring “peace and goodwill to all men.” During each Great Litany, the Orthodox Church as the body of Christ prays for “peace in the world,” and we sing together “Lord, have mercy!” As Orthodox Christians, we can cultivate the fruits of the Spirit needed to mend our broken world: the nine virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We as Christians have a responsibility to bring the message of the Gospel to the world, to free the world from the violence that fills it. I have seen the effect that the Church can have on our society. I worked as a Narthex greeter during our parish’s Greek festival for two years, and during that time I saw dozens of people of all backgrounds walk in and simply stand in awe at the peace that radiates from the sanctuary. The power of the gospel was given to us by Jesus and is present in the Church, but we must spread its message to the world.

The events that led to the Florida tragedy was caused in part by a society that was desensitized to violence. We as Christians must focus our energy and time to bring the Gospel message of peace to our friends and neighbors, and we must avoid over-exposing ourselves to the violent content that the world tries to flood our minds with. St. Paul wrote in Philippians: “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Let us therefore challenge the violence-filled world that we live in and spread the Gospel message of peace to those around us. Although it can seem hard, we can take comfort in the knowledge of Jesus’ words from the Book of John when he tells us, “In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart, for I have overcome the world.” Violence may have a hold in our society today, but with the Gospel of Jesus, we can cultivate Christian virtues in ourselves and bring those around us into the peace of the Church.”

# Stewardship 2018

By Sandy Meris

## *Educate - Participate - Elevate*

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...”  
Colossians 3:23*

### Stewardship Goals

Christos Anesti! As we bask in the glory of Pascha, we are about to round the corner to the halfway point in the year, which is a perfect time to evaluate where we are in our 2018 goals for Stewardship.

As you may recall, we, the Parish Assembly, voted to approve the 2018 budget which set the goal for Stewardship at \$380,000. This is a very attainable goal! After all, in 2017, the Parish collectively pledged \$380,000. We simply want to match 2017's goal.

We currently sit at \$303,171.88 so far pledged by 265 families for 2018. Of those 265 families, 70 are utilizing WeShare, our easy, on-line, automated payment system. We are quite a bit shy of our budgeted goal. So, at this half-way point let us all reflect and evaluate. Have you filled out your 2018 Pledge Card? If not, now is the time. Your Cathedral is counting on you and we need your generous commitment.

Fill out your Pledge Card on-line. Simply go to: [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org). Click on the blue “Stewardship 2018” button. Fill out the Pledge Card completely and click “Submit.” From there you may choose “WeShare” to make your payments easy and automated on a weekly or monthly basis. Or, select to pay with cash or check in the offering trays on Sundays. Any way you choose to do it, please do become a current member in good standing of your Cathedral.



### Examples of Stewardship

Stewardship comes in all shapes and sizes. It is not just about financial giving. Although the financial giving is what allows our Church to operate, pay bills, salaries, etc., there are other ways our Holy Trinity parishioners set beautiful examples of Stewardship.

One of our Holy Trinity families generously and anonymously covered all the expenses for our Makaria meal following Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday night. What a spirit of giving and humility!

We had several families come forward to give donations for the Community Center Refresh Project. Thanks to those families, we were able to complete this project and give our beloved Hall a simple, yet effective, upgrade.

Our Holy Trinity parishioners are some of the most generous and giving people I have ever seen. When there is a need, it is somehow met. Just look around, the examples of Stewardship are all around us at coffee hour, at Philoptochos meetings, in Sunday School or at AHEPA events. We are a community of workers and doers. Together we can accomplish any goal we set!



# PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, May 6th  
following Divine Liturgy  
A luncheon will be offered.

# Parish Assembly

May 6, 2018

## PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING

Please join us for our spring Parish Assembly on Sunday, May 6th following Divine Liturgy in the Speros Community Center Large Hall. It is important that we have a quorum and that our parishioners are involved and informed about the important business of our Cathedral.

**A lunch will be served and prepared by John Mitchell.**

The menu includes, pork souvlaki (with all the trimmings), roasted potatoes, salad and dessert for **\$10 per person**. We hope to see you there!

## Our Church Family

### Baptisms

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



Baptism (Adult):

4/11/18

Ryan Matthew Stutzman

Son of David & Tracy Stutzman

Sponsor: Adam Venetis

*God's Blessings be upon him.*

Chrismation (Adult):

4/7/18

Alexander Velton

Sponsors: Roger Karl Mikael Undhagen & Salam Ayoub

Ayoub

*God's Blessings be upon him.*

### Weddings

“Oh Lord our God, crown them with glory and honour.”



4/14/18

Roger Karl Mikael Undhagen & Salam Ayoub

Sponsor is Chris C. Pritsos

*God's Blessings be upon them.*

## STEWARDSHIP

Please note that in order to participate and vote in a Parish Assembly parishioners must be a "Steward in Good Standing" which means that you must have filled out a 2018 Pledge Card and have made a payment toward your pledge prior to the meeting. *Not sure if you are current?* Please call the Church Office at 602-264-7863 and Diana Camacho, our Office Administrator, can look up your information.

## SALE

The freezer in the garage outer building will be turned off on Sunday, May 6, 2018 for maintenance.

Any items still in the freezer on Sunday will be sold to the community (to the benefit of the Church) during the luncheon. There will also be Lost & Found items for sale.



# Decorating the Cathedral with Palms

Lazarus Saturday, March 31, 2018

Photos by Andreas Kyprianou and Presvytera Denise



# Pancake Breakfast and Palm Cross Folding

Lazarus Saturday, March 31, 2018



# Smallest Cross Contest

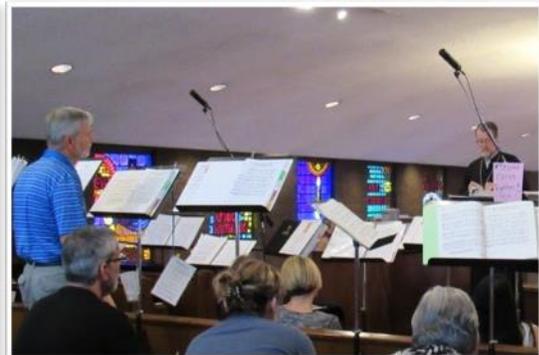


[More Photos](#)

# Sunday School Staff



# Lamentations Rehearsal



# Palm Sunday Crosses

April 1, 2018



# Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 1, 2018



# Hope & JOY Lenten Cupcake Sale

April 1, 2018



# Holy Unction

April 4, 2018



# Holy Thursday

April 5, 2018



# Holy Friday

April 6, 2018



# Holy Saturday

April 7-8, 2018



# Tell Us Something Good

*Holy Trinity Cathedral's Philoptochos  
St. Katherine Chapter wishes to acknowledge*

Joanna Mackos for her leadership in the preparation and baking of tsourekia and koulourakia for Philoptochos' annual Bake Sale and Gift Bag Distribution. *Thank You!*



*Holy Trinity Cathedral's Philoptochos  
St. Katherine Chapter wishes to acknowledge*

Joanne Karros for hosting the Red Egg Dyeing in her home. 2018 was her 16th year as hostess! *Thank you!*



*Holy Trinity Cathedral's Philoptochos  
St. Katherine Chapter wishes to acknowledge*



Edna Nicely, Julie Karoutas, Patty Davis and Connie Venetis, Chairs of the 2018 Pan-Orthodox Vesper Meal attended by more than 200 guests. Edna and Julie are taking the lead from long-time Chairs Patty and Connie. *Thank You!*



# Making the Epitaphio

Holy Friday Morning, April 6, 2018



## Follow Holy Trinity Cathedral on Facebook

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



"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

-Plato



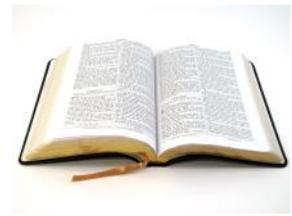
### Now Enrolling

We believe that a positive and successful learning experience during the early years of education forms a solid foundation for future achievement. For most children, preschool and kindergarten are the first steps into the world beyond the family; therefore, we strive to create a nurturing and supportive environment for the optimal growth of our students.

Call Today  
Scholarships Available  
602.248.3881

## Bible Study Classes

will resume in the Fall



## Byzantine Chant Beginners' Classes

Beginners' classes in Byzantine Chant has begin its second year. Class begins at 11am and will go to 1pm *every other* Saturday morning. Students will learn Byzantine Musical Notation, the Eight Modes, and the most common hymns of Matins and Divine Liturgy. Students will also be expected to do "field work," entailing observation and participation at Sunday Matins. The goal of the classes will be to provide the area with a new generation of Cantors and to enhance our own fledgling Byzantine choir; therefore, membership should be limited to those who will actually be using their knowledge in a practical way.

If you would like to learn the art of chanting and would like to serve the Church in this capacity, please contact Father Apostolos, Cantors George Duvall or Sam Herron, or call the Cathedral Office.

## Videos of Services

There are weekly video tapings of the Matins, Liturgy and special services posted by Daniel and Joshua Pardhe on **YouTube** and **Facebook**.

Subscribe and like us today

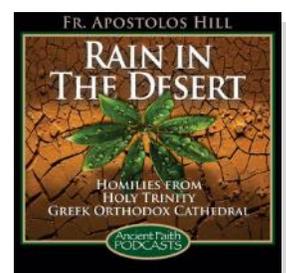
<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityphx.org/>

<https://youtu.be/h-6GLW3udVo>



## Rain In The Desert

Link to recordings of Father's sermons: <http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/rain>  
Sermons can also be found on the Cathedral website at [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org).



# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

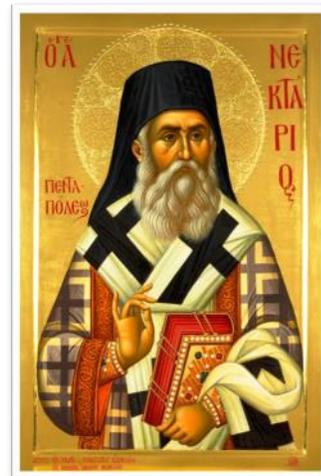
May is a very busy month for many of us – we have Mothers' Day, graduations, young adults moving on to college, and Baptisms and weddings! **St. Nectarios Books and Beyond** has many gift ideas, books, candles, and other items to help with these activities! We are having a SALE on all items in stock.

On all EXISTING stock the following will apply:

icons = \$10 discount or 50% off icons priced under \$10;

books, CDs, ceramics, plaques, nightlights, prayer ropes/bracelets, sun catchers, pins, Crosses, visor clips, icon stands, etc. = 10% discount!

EVERYTHING in stock will be reduced!



## May Holy Days:

May 13th—Mothers' Day

May 17th—Holy Ascension

May 21st—SS. Constantine & Helen, Equal to the Apostles

May 26th—Saturday of Souls in preparation for Pentecost

May 27th—Holy Pentecost (Service of Kneeling)

May 30th—Day of the Holy Spirit; Memorial Day (NO FASTING from Pentecost to 6/2!)

THANK YOU for all your support of the Bookstore, and for your patience as I spend some time with family from Germany! If anyone should be in need and find that I'm not at the Bookstore, please call me so we can arrange something to accommodate both of us.

Have a very blessed month!

Truly He is Risen! Alithos Anesti!

If St. Nectarios Books and Beyond can assist in any way, please contact us at:

[www.stnectariosbooksandbeyond.org](http://www.stnectariosbooksandbeyond.org) or [patsy@stnectariosphx.org](mailto:patsy@stnectariosphx.org), Patsy Harris – 480-239-5270

## Father Earl at Holy Trinity

April 22, 2018



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Mary Louise Theodoropoulos, President

## "FRIENDS OF THE POOR"

An organization where membership is an honor & a privilege.

**JOIN & ENRICH YOUR LIFE!**



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

## Mocha for Missions

The Philoptochos-sponsored Metropolis [Mochas for Missions](#) campaign, C.O.M.E. (Commission for Orthodox Missions & Evangelism) began last Sunday with frappés in the Speros Center after Divine Liturgy. Thank you to all who supported the mission—and enjoyed a tasty frappé made by Kay!

We'll continue collecting donations through Pentecost. Donate cash or checks in the marked cannisters in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

## Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale April 1, 2018



## April Meeting Hostesses



Thank you, Rebecca Barabatis and Lois Sakkas!

## Homebound Outreach

Angela Hapgood, a resident of at Thunderbird Senior Care, sends "Thanks!" and love to all after receiving her Pascha gift bag from Philoptochos.



Beginning this month, one or two homebound seniors who receive visits from Philoptochos' Circle of Angels' volunteers will be photographed (with their permission) and shown in each Desert Springs issue. Each one shown is receptive to calls and visits. For more information on homebound seniors, please contact Mary or Lois (info in the box to the left.)

## Circle of Angels

Please let Philoptochos' Circle of Angels know of any parishioners who are ill, scheduled for surgery, recently moved to assisted living, or are homebound. Contact Mary Poulakidas at 602-349-6466 or Lois Sakkas at 602-717-9097.

# Philoptochos Membership

## JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2018

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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 2018, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

## Philoptochos Members as of 5/1/2018

Annos	Sandy	Kretsedemas	Marina
Asala	Sheila	Kyprianou	Cindy
Balanis	Helen	Meris	Joanne
Barabatis	Rebecca	Meris	Sandy
Clarke	Kathy	Miller	Jean
Chotras	Harriet	Pangalos	Margo
Contes	Connie	Papadopoulos	Chrysoula
Daniolos	Sharon	Papadopoulos	Chrysoula V
Davis	Patty	Pappas	Fannie
Demas	Irene	Poulakidas	Mary
Fancher	Katherine	Pritsos	Juli
Fourlis	Andi	Pyle	Nicole
Fourlis	Georgia	Russell	Mary-Helen
Frieh	Courtney	Sakkas	Lois
Frieh	Georgi	Schneider	Kalliopi
Graham	Gina	Sgouros	Jean
Hauer	Chrissy	Skintzis	Evi
Kantaros	Dena	Solomon	Pam
Karoutas	Julie	Stamatis	Christine
Karros	JoAnn	Tsantilas	Gerri
Katsenes	Mary	Watson	Paulina
Katsufrakis	Helen	Vaughn	Terri
Kechajias	Fanny	Venetis	Connie
Kimmell	Emily	Wallerich	Catherine
Kosta	Stella	Zannis	Eugenia

Don't see your name?  
 Contact Patty Davis at [wd14742pd@msn.com](mailto:wd14742pd@msn.com) to check your status for 2018.  
 Next Philoptochos meeting:  
 Thursday, May 3, 2018  
 7:00pm  
 Speros Center Lounge

## Shoebox

**19th Annual Mother's Day Purses**

*Youth fade; love drops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all.*  
 -Silver Wendell Hobbes



**It's that time of year! Honor the amazing women in your life with a donation of purses, cosmetics, toiletries or a monetary contribution.**

**Celebrating 19 years of collaboration with our agency partners in hopes of distribution over 3,000 purses.**



**All contributions for this event need to be received by Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Needed Items:**  
**Purses & Totes:**  
 For the **FACE:** all cosmetics - eye shadow, blush, mascara, bronzer, eye liner, lip liner, lipstick, lip gloss, foundation, blush brushes, foundation sponges, eye shadow applicators, facial cleansers & lotions, toner, makeup remover, tweezers, eyelash curler.  
 For the **BODY:** bath/shower gel, perfumed soaps, bath scrubs, lotion, powder, perfumes.  
 For the **HAIR:** hair clips/barrettes, headbands, ponytail holders, hair gel/spray.  
 For the **HANDS & FEET:** nail polish, polish remover, manicure/nailcare sets, nail files/clippers, pumice stones, foot scrubs, hand/foot lotion.  
**Other GIFT ITEMS:** earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches, pens, sunglasses, wallets, cosmetic pouches, purse-size mirrors, stationery, pens, hard candy/gum/teeth, any gift you think would make a mom feel special.

**Consider Making A Donation - Donate.sbmaz.org**

Sponsored by Shoebos Ministry, 13645 N 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Phoenix AZ 85032. [info@shoebosministry.org](mailto:info@shoebosministry.org) 480-605-1610

# Agape Ball

April 21, 2018



## After Pascha Altar Photo



## Altar Service

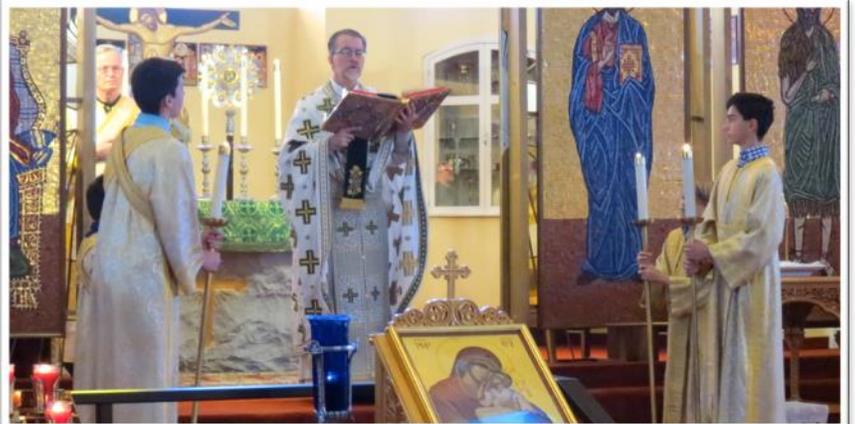
Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?

Contact:

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Deacon John Thrasher at [thrasheraz@cox.net](mailto:thrasheraz@cox.net)



# Epistle Readers

To all youth and young adults: we continue our rotation of readers of the Epistle each Sunday Liturgy! Please contact Fr. Apostolos if you would like to get involved. Even if you might be uncomfortable reading, Father and others have offered to help you prepare. This is a beautiful ministry and way to participate in the life of the Church, so please consider taking part!



Includes photo by Sandy Meris

## Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners  
and their guests



Dear Desert Diamonds and Friends,

Xristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! I pray that you ALL have had a Blessed Pascha.

Next Event:

St. Haralambos' "Spring Fling" BBQ!

7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Peoria, AZ 85383  
Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 4:00pm

Good food, fun & fellowship!

Shish Kebab, rice pilaf, salads, dessert ... games and BINGO!

Please note: this will be held indoors in the Church Hall.

\$10.00 per adult

Please email Julie at [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com) or call 623.313.8720 to RSVP

Please note that the next gathering for the Desert Diamonds will be in September. I hope to have an exciting meeting planned. More news to follow. We will also be planning a bus trip to Prescott in December with a stop at Cliff Castle first, to try your hand at gaming. Detailed information will follow. Prescott is known as Arizona's Christmas City.

*Julie*

Desert Diamonds joined AHEPA #219 at their picnic at the Railroad Park in April. Good times!

# Hellenic Historical Museum

Located in the northeast section of the James A. Speros Community Center, the Museum displays vintage photographs and other historic artifacts related to pioneer Greek families in Phoenix from the early 1900s, the founding in 1930 of the first Hellenic Orthodox Church in Arizona, and up to the relocation in 1973 at the present site of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Now, the Museum is looking for photos taken after 1973. That covers a lot, we know. So to start, we are looking for **group photos**, such as committee, membership, and board pictures.

Do you have any that you would like to share? The photos could be the originals—or we can accept scanned photos. Contact Bessie Hotis 602-953-1913 for more information.

## 1982 Camp Photo



How many staff and campers can you name?

# Holy Trinity Academy

Juli Pritsos, Director

Sharing Memories of Our Past,  
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# Sunday School

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival  
State Finals  
Hosted at Holy Trinity Cathedral



Photos by Kay Ehrick

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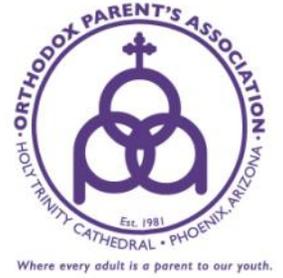
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# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



Xristos Anesti! Christ is risen!

The OPA families joined the 7th annual **Arizona Walk for Missions** at the Kiwanis Park in Tempe on April 21st. We met with area Orthodox communities in this yearly fundraising event in support of Orthodox Christian Missions Center's Mission to "make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ His Church". We enjoyed our fellowship with all the Orthodox Christians in the Valley who attended in this beautiful walk.

In May, we have the last Sr. GOYA Round Table with Evan, Hope and Joy event, Jr/Sr GOYA packing emergency food in St. Mary's with Fr. A., and we will be celebrating our graduates from junior high, high school, college and graduate schools in a special graduation luncheon. Please check our OPA newsletter for details.



## Hope & Joy

### Final FUN

### Night of the Year

Friday, May 11, 2018  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



## Graduation Luncheon

Sunday, May 20th  
Following Divine Liturgy

[GRADUATION FORM Click HERE](#)

## Sr. GOYA Round Table

with Evan - the last of the year

**TODAY**  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
at 6 p.m.

### Meet in the GOYA room

Any questions, please contact  
Evan: [etsagaris89@gmail.com](mailto:etsagaris89@gmail.com)

# Dance

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Director

Below, you will find an editable copy (PDF) of the Registration form. Feel free to fill it out digitally and email it back to Niko, print it, fill it out, and bring it to church, or come by the table at coffee hour to register!



## Practice Schedule

Sunday, April 15th - Practice & Meeting 12:15-2:15pm **FIRST PRACTICE**

Sunday, April 22nd - Practice 12:15-2:15pm

Sunday, April 29th - Practice 12:15-2:15pm

Sunday, May 6th - Practice 12:15-2:15pm **Final Practice of Spring**

Practice will resume in August!

Any questions, contact Niko Panagiotakopoulos at (602) 469-2039 or [npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com)

[Click HERE for Holy Trinity Dance Registration Form 2018](#)

Community Outreach  
Opportunity  
for Jr. & Sr. GOYA  
Youth 12 years of age & older



St. Mary's  
**Food Bank**  
ALLIANCE

**Saturday, May 12th**

12:00 - 2:00pm

Kids will be packing food boxes with Fr. Apostolos

**Only 12 openings available.**

Contact Cindy Kyprianou to sign up: [docandreas@msn.com](mailto:docandreas@msn.com)

## Do you get OPA emails?

OPA communicates primarily through email via our e-newsletter. To stay informed of all of the youth, parent, and family happenings at Holy Trinity, make sure you are receiving these emailed newsletters. It's easy, just email your information to [Cjecomom@gmail.com](mailto:Cjecomom@gmail.com) or [cwkyprianou@hotmail.com](mailto:cwkyprianou@hotmail.com) and we'll get you added to the list.

# All Saints Camp

"All Saints Camp returns June 3 through 9 in beautiful Prescott, Arizona! This year, we are excited about our new venue of Whispering Pines, just minutes away from our previous location! Open to all youth entering 3rd grade to having just graduated (ages 8 to 18), this week long experience is surely one you won't want to miss!

For more information regarding registration, staff applications, or general information about our camp, please visit our website at [allsaintscamparizona.org](http://allsaintscamparizona.org), or send us an email at [info@allsaintscamparizona.org](mailto:info@allsaintscamparizona.org).

Follow us on Instagram (allsaintscampaz), Snapchat (allsaintscampaz), or Facebook (All Saints Camp Arizona +)!

Also, for those interested in playing a round of golf to benefit our camp, Assumption will be hosting our First Annual ASC Invitational Friday, May 11. Check-in is at 7am, and Shot-Gun Scramble at 8am. Registration is a \$100 donation before May 1, or \$125 after. Lunch will be included at 1pm, or you may attend only the luncheon for \$25. Sponsor opportunities are also available! For more information, please contact Assumption's office: [office@assumptionaz.org](mailto:office@assumptionaz.org) or 480-991-3009.

See you in June!"  
-Evan Tsigaris



**Save the Dates!**  
**All Saints Orthodox Summer Camp**  
**2018**  
Mark your calendars for  
**June 3rd-9th, 2018**

## Training Opportunity

April 12, 2018

Many of our parishioners attended this important class and learned life-saving techniques.



# All Saints Camp Fundraiser

May 11, 2018

## 1ST ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY | MAY 11, 2018

Starfire Golf Club | Scottsdale



### SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



### 8:00 AM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

7:00 am Check-In

Course located at 15500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale 85260

### \$100 PER GOLFER

(If paid by May 1st | \$125 after deadline)

Includes lunch and goodie bags

Mulligan packages and raffle prize tickets will be available at the course

Bring a full foursome or we can add you to one!

### AWARD LUNCHEON FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

1:00 pm at Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

(Non-golfers encouraged to attend @ \$25/person)

RSVP by MAY 1, 2018  
office@assumptionaz.org | 480-991-3009



**ALL SAINTS CAMP**

# Congratulatory and Happy Ads!

In each issue, Desert Springs will offer the opportunity for our community to share good news with others! Ads will be a standard 1/8" of a page (horizontal).



Sample Size

This is the place to recognize your family, friends and fellow parishioners for anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, get wells, awards, special accomplishments, good deeds, above-and-beyond volunteering—anything that is positive, endearing and thoughtful.

Cost is \$20 per ad for one issue. Photos are acceptable.

Fill out the form and include an optional photo and full payment (cash or check) and drop in the boxes in the Narthex and Church Office or mail to Kristen Vasilarakos c/o Holy Trinity Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, 85016. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral. Or contact Kristen at [kvasilarakos@cox.net](mailto:kvasilarakos@cox.net) for more information.

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~ May 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Coffee Hour – OPA	1	2 10am – Bible Study 5pm-7pm – Greek School Graduation 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	3 7pm – Philoptochos Meeting (Lounge)	4 10:00am – Alexander A. Paletsos Trisagion & Funeral Services (HT Cathedral) 1:00pm – Michael Castro 40 Day Blessing 6pm - Paraklesis	5
6 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Spring PA & Luncheon Freezer Sell-Out Dance Practice	7	8	9 HTA Field Trip  7:00pm – Festival Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	10	11  6pm - Paraklesis	12
13 SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN MOTHER'S DAY 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Dellas Memorial	14	15	16 5:30pm-Leave Taking of Pascha 6:00pm Great Vespers of the Ascension 6:30pm – HTA Board Meeting 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	17 HOLY ASCENSION 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy 11am-2pm – Desert Diamonds (SH) 6pm – PC meeting (Conference room) 6pm – HTA Fine Art Expo 6pm – AHEPA Meeting (SH)	18 5-8pm – LBM End of Year Celebration (LH) 5pm - Cramer Wedding Set-Up (SM Hall/Lounge) 6pm - Paraklesis	19 Cramer Wedding (SM Hall Lounge)
20 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Graduation Luncheon Last Day of Sunday School	21 CONSTANTINE & HELEN 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy	22	23  7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	24	25 HTA Last Day of School HTA Graduation (CC)  6pm - Paraklesis	26 SATURDAY OF THE SOULS 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy 12noon - Jon Tuoti Wedding (Fr. James) 6:00pm- Great Vespers of Pentecost
27 HOLY PENTECOST 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Pentecost Luncheon	28 HOLY SPIRIT DAY 8am – Matins 9:00am – Liturgy MEMORIAL DAY	29 HTA Summer Camp	30 HTA Summer Camp  7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	31 HTA Summer Camp		

Calendar is subject to change.