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Message from Father Apostolos

Crossing the Desert



My grandmother's house was filled with souvenirs and mementos of her various life adventures, items that fascinated my boyish imagination. Many of these trinkets were collected when she and my grandfather drove his 1964 Chevy Impala from central Indiana to California along Route 66.

Grandma regaled us with tales of crossing the vast emptiness of the desert, sipping on chips of yellow ice (!) procured at a roadside filling station and watching dust devils writhe across the landscape, reliving her desert experience as I held her little piece of petrified wood with reverence and awe. Even with today's improved roads and expanded services, a trip across the deserts of the Southwest is not to be taken lightly.

Arriving home from our own recent trek to and from northern Colorado for a family reunion, we were within four blocks of our driveway when a puff of white smoke announced trouble. By God's extravagant mercy this mechanical failure (blown A/C compressor) did not occur somewhere between Gallup and Albuquerque! God is good!

Our beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral parish must also cross a desert, so to speak, every summer as the pews become rather more empty week to week between Memorial and Labor Day. This stands to reason as well-earned vacation season arrives and we Phoenicians flee the searing heat of high summer for the more agreeable climes of the beach or the mountains. For my part, waking up in Estes Park and walking into town to Kind Coffee is a slice of heaven!

But the parish's desert experience is very real as our tithes and offerings dwindle over the summer months like water in a dry creek bed. Maintaining this \$11-13 million dollar campus requires consistent revenues since our month to month expenses remain constant. By the time Festival season rolls around, the cupboards are bare and the vehicle of our parish is running on fumes, scanning the horizon for the nearest filling station.

To our seasoned Cathedral membership, this is not new information. So settled and long-tenured is this internal narrative that we shrug it off as perfectly normal. Last year's stewardship pledges topped \$380K and was considered a great year, despite the fact that even this "great" year accounted for less than 40% of the revenues needed for our operating budget. Based on last year, we agreed in the fall Parish Assembly to carry the same revenue target forward into the new year.

As pledges currently stand, we are trailing this target by about \$50k with our two largest categories of giving stubbornly stuck at 82 cents a day (\$300/yr) and \$1.37 a day (\$500/yr.) Simple arithmetic demonstrates the challenge of discharging our Orthodox Christian duty to grow the Kingdom of God with such tepid commitment.

And yet, I remain buoyant and supremely confident that the best and brightest days in the history of Holy Trinity Cathedral are on our horizon and not in our rear-view mirror. All the resources we require to be the dynamo of Holy Orthodoxy *and more* are fully present in our community, and this far beyond the minimalistic approach to ministry which has long dogged the Orthodox experience in America in recent years.

All that stands between our current state and the hopeful future God desires to open for us is a decision on our part. Will we become co-laborers with Jesus Christ in the work of salvation He is doing in our midst as more and more souls are attracted to the Light? I believe that we will and that in short order we will come to view this period of marginal commitment as an anomaly which in no way reflects the true character and ethos of the Holy Trinity Cathedral community!

Have a blessed summer season with your family and friends as we gather to worship the Blessed Trinity in the divine worship of the Church!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Apostolos Nihil".

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*

What Are Your Summer Plans?

Happy June and Happy Summer! School is out, many of our Holy Trinity ministries are on break, and vacation plans are in the works. Summertime usually means a bit of a slower pace for most families.

So, what are your summer plans? Perhaps a trip to the beach? A getaway up North to the cool pines? Maybe even a special trip to Greece to visit family? Whatever your plans are this summer, please be sure to include the Church in those plans.

Even though many of us take a relaxed approach to life in the summer with a reduced schedule of events to make more room for a dip in the pool and backyard grilling, the Church is the steadfast constant in our lives that carries on even in the summer.

If you will be out of town and missing a few Liturgies due to vacations, please don't forget to make your regular Stewardship Gifts even in your absence.

It is important to remember that the Church, just like our homes, still has regular bills that come due. The electricity, water, air conditioning, salaries and the like, still need to be covered. And when our Stewardship payments dip in the summer, it puts a serious financial strain on our budget.

So, please do your part. Just as you put your mail on hold, clean out the fridge, cancel your newspaper, turn off the water and drop Fido off at the boarders, take a moment to do one last simple task ... consider mailing the Church a check to cover your missed Stewardship payments.

Better yet, sign up for WeShare, our automated, electronic payment method for Stewardship. Simply go to the Church website at: www.holytrinityphx.org and click on the “Donate Now” button (the red heart-shaped hands), fill out the information so that your Stewardship contributions can be made regularly and come directly out of your account, just as you may already pay many of your other monthly bills. It is easy and fast!



Either way you do it, please include Holy Trinity and your stewardship contributions in your plans for the summer. Happy Summer!

Endowment Fund

+ THE HOLY TRINITY 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 **inviolate** and be held **in perpetuity** by the Church. The funds are prudently managed by the investment committee, which reports to the Parish Council. The only withdrawals from the fund the investment committee approves are from the earnings and appreciation above the donor's contributions. Withdrawals are used only to benefit Holy Trinity and its ministries.

Over the course of the past twenty-six 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 520,000. Those original contributions have grown to the current value of \$861,301.

The Endowment Fund has, over the past few years, returned to the Church over \$50,000 in dividends and has applied \$280,000 of appreciated value to reduce the outstanding balance of our loan from \$998,000 to \$665,000. When the Endowment Funds were pledged as collateral at Chase to secure the loan, they reduced the annual interest rate on the loan from 7.25% to 2.45%. This resulted in an interest savings of over \$50,000 per year for over seven years. The loan was transferred to the American Bank & Trust in August 2015 (without the Endowment Funds as collateral) and is now at \$665,000 @ 3¼%.

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 pledge can be made over as many as three years.

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

Gifts over \$ 10,000

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Endowment Fund

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Thanks, and God Bless You for your generosity.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral + 1973 E Maryland Avenue Phoenix AZ 85016

Father James Tavlarides

March 7, 1924 – May 3, 2018

[The Falling Asleep in the Lord of Rev. Father James Tavlarides](#)

AUTHOR: His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos

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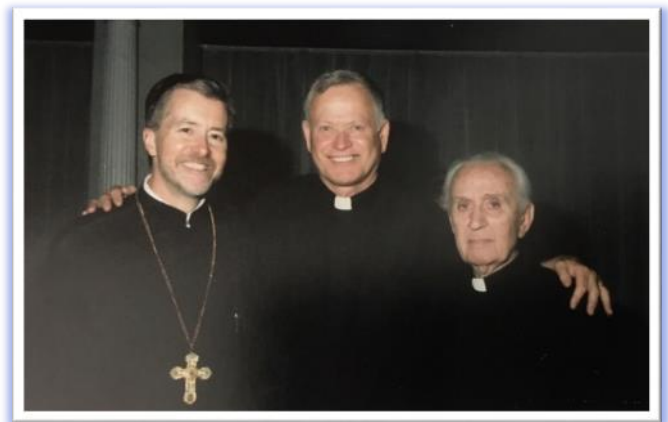
AUTHOR: Father Apostolos Hill

Passing Into Life May 6th, 2018

“ ... I knew of Fr. James long ere I knew him personally, so widely known was his reputation as a fearless clarion voice for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The first senior priest with whom I served as deacon would tell me of this Fr. James who would bump into him with the challenge "Do you know Who Jesus Christ is?" And woe betide the one who failed to give a satisfactory answer to this all-important query! For Fr. James, it was never enough to know only *about* Jesus Christ!

His ministry to me, even in the brief time I was blessed to know him, was of immense help as I would resort to him for holy confession, secure in the knowledge that my struggles to adequately shepherd this flock was perfectly understood and experienced by him. How easily the tears could flow with his hand resting on my head, knowing that I was in a safe place where the mercies of God could swamp my anxieties. And in just a few words, Fr. James could cut to the root of a matter and bring clarity and perspective to my challenges. ... ”

[Full Text](#)



Father Apostolos, Deacon John, and Father James together shared blessed times and fruitful discussions.

This was one of those times last May 2017.

We all miss him.

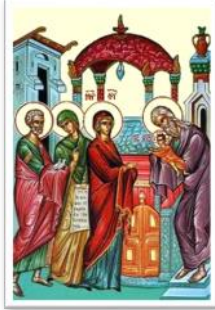
-Deacon John



Our Church Family

40 Day Blessing

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



5/20/2018

Philip Trichopoulos, son of George & Thaleia Trichopoulos

God's Blessings be upon him.

5/28/2018

Theo A. Panagiotakopoulos, son of Alexia & Alexi Panagiotakopoulos

God's Blessings be upon him.

Weddings

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



5/19/2018

Victoria Cramer & Ryan Matthew Stutzman

Sponsor is Jordyn Kesler-Kline

God's Blessings be upon them.

Funerals

“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



5/4/2018

Alexander A. Paletsos

May his memory be eternal.

5/9/2018

Father James Tavlarides

May his memory be eternal.



Parish Assembly

May 6, 2018

Meeting



Meal

Prepared by John Mitchell and Staff



Feast of the Pentecost—Holy Trinity’s Name Day

Sunday, May 27, 2018

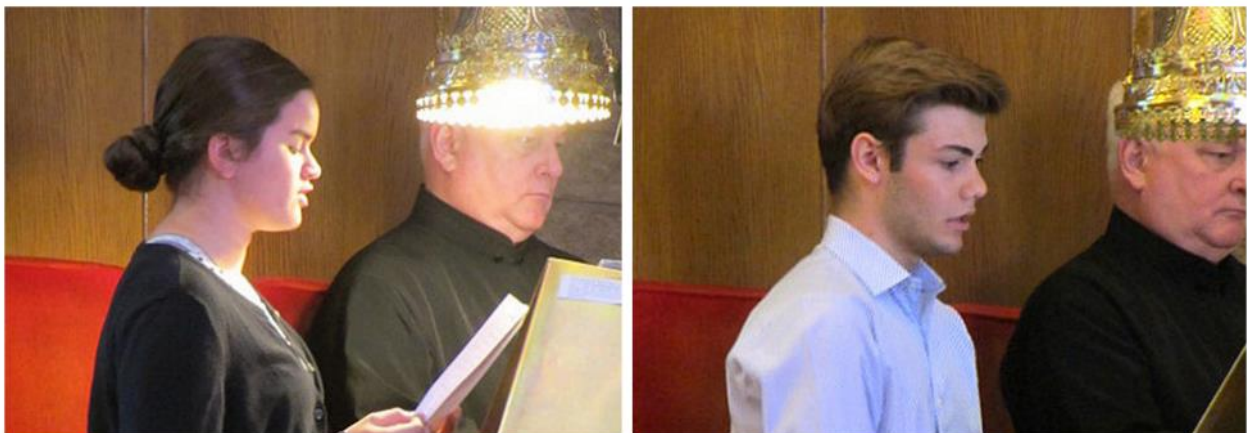


This past weekend marked the Feast-Day of our blessed Holy Trinity Cathedral at the Feast of Pentecost. This **three day celebration** began with Matins and Divine Liturgy for the **Saturday of Souls**, followed by the **Kneeling Vespers Service of Pentecost** immediately following Sunday’s Divine Liturgy, and then the **Monday of the Holy Spirit Services** with Matins and Divine Liturgy.

This potent service invoked the mercies of God and the vivifying presence of the Holy Spirit upon us, our families, and our parish.

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!



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



Freezer Sale and Shut-Off

May 6, 2018

Thank you to Dimitri Zannis and Peter Bilitsis for helping the sell-off of all remaining items in the large back garage freezer, allowing the freezer to be turned off for needed repairs. The now-empty freezer is expected to be up and running by July.

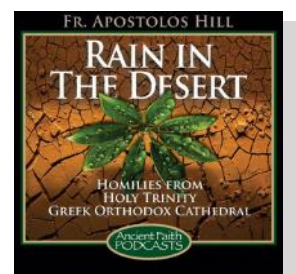
Thank you to all who attended the sale! Your support is appreciated.



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.



St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

The summer months (especially here in the Valley!) are a time to get away, forget our cares, and relax and have fun. They are also a great time to visit other parishes and meet new Orthodox friends. It's important that we don't forget our faith during the summer, but use this unhurried time to spend some time with Our Lord, and be witnesses to Orthodoxy.

Remember to point out to your family and friends the beauty of God's creation as you see new sights. Let's not be ashamed to talk about Jesus and the glorious world He has gifted to us! Share 'down times' while on vacation by praying together, thanking Him for the blessing of being on vacation, for being together with loved ones we don't always get to see. Have discussions on Orthodox views of prayer, family, and child-rearing. Let your children, relatives, and friends know that Christ is real to you by letting them see and hear you worship Him!



If you're thinking of bringing gifts for those you visit, come to St. Nectarios Books and Beyond before you leave, and explore the many books, CDs, icons, prayer cards, key chains, plaques, thank you and birthday cards, and other items which demonstrate your belief that Christ is central in the lives of those around you, as it is to your family. There are many very beautiful items which are also easy to pack. There are also other people who may know the region you are planning to visit, and who can help you locate Orthodox churches in that area. So please do come in and browse, and have your coffee with us or on the patio tables in the courtyard!

June Holy Days:

June 24: Nativity of St. John the Baptist and Forerunner—this day commemorates the birth of the Baptist, who jumped for joy in his mother's womb as she greeted the Theotokos. St. John is depicted in his icons as pointing to Christ, showing us the "One Who comes after me but is before me."

June 29: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul—St. Peter was the first to recognize Jesus as the Christ, and St. Paul was called to his apostleship directly by Christ, after His Ascension. They are considered by the Church as equals, necessary and complementary to each other's ministries. (June 30 is dedicated to the other apostles collectively.)

July Holy Days:

July 11: Euphemia the Great Martyr—her name means "fairest of the famous" or 'pleasant speech.' She refused to deny Christ and was burned at the stake in 303 A.D. Happy Name's Day to all the Effies, Mias, and Phemias!

July 20: Elias the Prophet—his name means "the Lord (Jehovah) is my God." The Book of Saints tells us that he is "the renowned prophet whose mission, almost single-handedly, to challenge the Baal worship which was brought from Tyre by King Ahab (I Kings 17, 19). In II Kings 2:11-13, Elijah (the Hebrew form of the name) is taken up in a whirlwind and his death is not mentioned; however, it was believed that he would never return. Thus, in John 1:21 we read that some questioned John the Baptist if he were Elijah, and in Matthew 16:14 others saw in him Jesus.

July 26: Hermolaos and his companions—sorry, I know nothing about these Saints. **Can anyone help us out?**

July 26: Paraskevi of Rome—in ancient Greek the word means "preparing" or "getting ready"; it now means "preparing for the Sabbath." Again, I know she is called the "righteous Martyr," but don't know her story. Anyone else know it who can share with us?

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

www.stnectariosbooksandbeyond.org or patsy@stnectariosphx.org, Patsy Harris – 480-239-5270

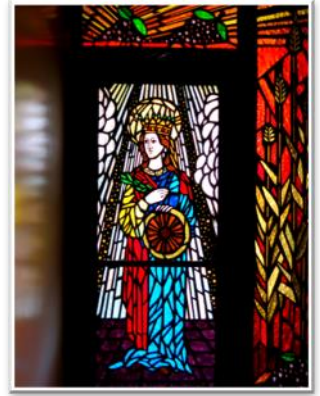
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St. Katherine faceted glass icon in the south wing of the Narthex.

Philoptochos Final Meeting Before Summer

Meeting and Games

Thursday, June 7, 2018

6pm

Speros Center Lounge

Bring \$5 for Pizza



2017

May Meeting Hostesses



Thank you, Edna Nicely and Julie Karoutas!

Homebound Outreach

Angie Vlasis loved her Philoptochos Pascha Gift Bag and looks forward to hearing from friends!



Angie welcomes calls and visitors.



For more information or directions, call the number below:

Pinnacle Peak Assisted Living

7878 E. Vista Bonita Drive

Scottsdale, AZ 85255

480-419-9760

Circle of Angels

Your help is requested!

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.



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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:

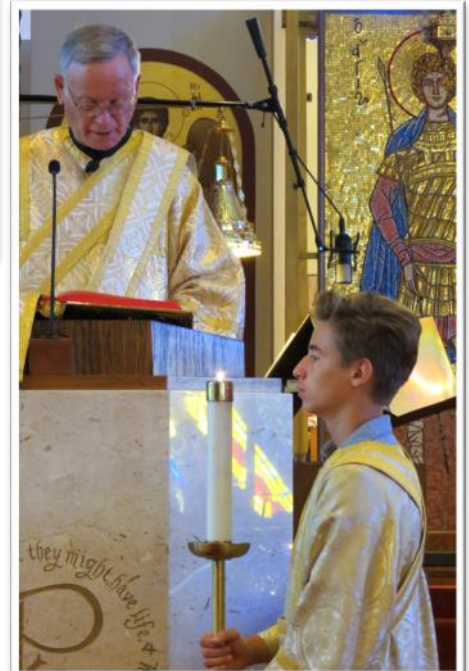
St. Katherine's Philoptochos of HTC Membership 2018, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Altar Service

Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?



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David Haag at davidmhaag@yahoo.com
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Deacon John Thrasher at thrasheraz@cox.net



Music Ministry

by Terri Alexon, Director



Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.
Ephesians 5:19

"Praising God in song" has been a consistent theme during the past year at Holy Trinity Cathedral Sunday School. At the conclusion of each class, children in first through fourth grades have been focusing on the Liturgical responses and hymns as a group.

Assisting Director Terri Alexon in the music lessons was substitute organist, Monica Ashton, along with student choir librarian Alexis Venetis. Kudos to Youth Choir members Susie Papadopoulos and Grace Wombacher for their leadership during Liturgy and to Sunday School teacher Cindy Kyprianou and parent Adam Venetis who served as chaperones.

On May 20th, the Sunday School children and teachers gathered in the choir loft to sing the responses and hymns that they practiced. Their participation in worshiping as a group marked the last day of Sunday School before the summer break.

But there is never a break from worshiping and giving thanks to God! Over the summer months (with



the exception of July), children ages 6 and older are encouraged to sing together with the Cathedral Choir.

Did you miss hearing the children's sing? Catch a video recording on our YouTube channel at: **HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL CHOIR PHOENIX, AZ.** **Be sure to hit the Subscribe and Like buttons!** Many thanks to Joshua Pardhe for regularly recording and uploading the video each week.

One Day, One Hymn, One Church

Love to sing? Join your brothers and sisters from Orthodox parishes throughout the Valley for "One Day, One Hymn, One Church," the first-ever **Arizona pan-Orthodox Choral Fellowship** event, to be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, September 22nd, from 10am-3pm.

The day will include singing, fellowship, lunch, more singing, and finish with an audio/video recording of the world premiere of Psalm 23, a choral arrangement by Fr. Michael Pallad, which will be posted on social media. If you love to sing, you're going to want to be part of this awesome event!



Registration forms will be available soon. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Pallad at 623-486-8665 or email to FrMichael@StHaralambosAZ.com

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests



Greetings to All,

As the Summer months are approaching, we will be taking a break and resume our activities in the Fall. But make no mistake, we have an active 2018-2019 year planned for our group. Please mark your calendars.

We begin with a breakfast gathering on September 11th, Patriots Day, at 10am

Matt's Big Breakfast at the Biltmore Plaza;
3118 E. Camelback Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-840-3450

We do need a count for the restaurant, so please either call or email Julie Karoutas or Doree Drakos; Julie at 623-313-8720 or email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com
Doree at 602-993-0659 or email: Doree@cox.net

We are forming a phone committee also, some of our members do not have an email address; please let us know if you have had a change in either your phone number or email. Also, if you know of someone that is not receiving notifications please send their information to us. Thanking you in advance.

Your sister in Christ,
Julie Karoutas



AHEPA #219



AHEPA Chapter 219 Wishes You
a Safe and Happy Summer!



Our Next Chapter Meeting will be
Held in August.



Holy Trinity Academy

Juli Pritsos, Director

Another great year at HTA!

Toast to the Future



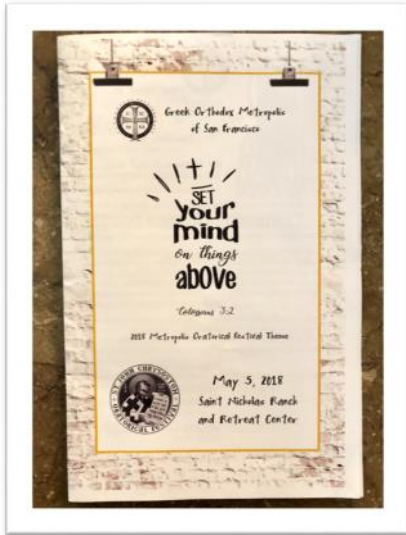
Graduation



Sunday School

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival
Diocese Finals

Congratulations to Christina Kyprianou, Joshua and Elizabeth Pardhe for representing Holy Trinity Cathedral Phoenix at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in California. Special congratulations to Elizabeth for placing in 3rd place in the Junior Division and Joshua for placing 3rd place in the Senior Division.



Congratulations!

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ALL the
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OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



OPA held a special graduation luncheon to celebrate our Holy Trinity graduates from 8th grade, high school, college and graduate school. It's absolutely wonderful to see the achievements each graduate has accomplished. We're very proud of each and everyone of them. May God's Love and guidance continue to be with them in achieving their future goals.

OPA would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to these young adults for being such role models to our youth by being God's humble servants:

Evan Tsagaris, the tireless Sunday school teacher, Hope & Joy Adviser, and Sr Goya round Table leader; Nikos the Dance director; John Schneider, Ted Kyriacou, Tasso Annos, Gabriella Papatzimas, Katie Dye, Mary and Joshua Pardhe.

Coming up in June, our Little Lambs are holding a play date in the Scottsdale Quarter. Please follow our OPA newsletter for the details!

Have a wonderful summer!
Cindy

Little Lambs

Join the
Little Lambs
Saturday, June 16th
11:00am



for a **Splash Pad Play Date!**
Meet at The Quad at the Scottsdale Quarter

RSVP to Angela at 913-638-5991 or
Melissa at 937-304-5233



All Saints Orthodox Summer Camp
2018

Starts THIS SUNDAY
June 3rd-9th

Have a WONDERFUL time!

Golf Invitational Fundraiser for ASC
Friday, May 11, 2018



Hope & Joy

Final **FUN** Night of the Year
Friday, May 11, 2018



OPA Graduations

Sunday, May 20, 2018

8th Grade, High School, and College



Includes photos by Marie Spanos

Community Outreach Opportunity for Jr. & Sr. GOYA

May 12, 2018

Thank You to all the Jr & Sr GOYA members and parents that came to help pack food boxes for St. Mary's Food Bank!

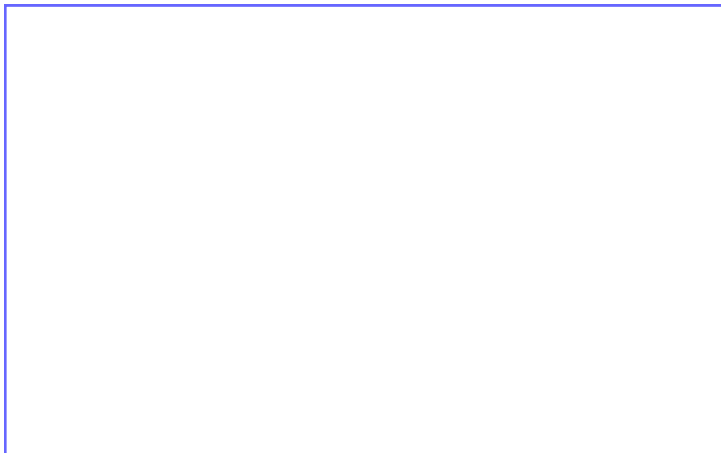


Do you get OPA emails?

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 or cwkyprianou@hotmail.com and we'll get you added to the list.

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 for more information.

Ads will be designed by the Desert Springs staff. Submitter will be contacted prior to publishing if editing of the content of the wording is needed.



Congratulatory and Happy Ads for the *Desert Springs* monthly publication:

Wording: _____

I understand the staff will design the ad at their discretion and will contact me if content changes are needed. ____ (initial)

I need the included photo returned to me. Yes No ____ (initial)

I am including \$20 by cash or check (checks payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral). ____ (initial)

I wish to remain anonymous. Yes No ____ (initial)

Submitter's Name: _____

Submitter's Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Coffee Hour – PHILOPTOCHOS	1	2
3 ALL SAINTS 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy ASC Begins	4 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES ASC	5 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 5:30pm – Speros CC Rentals Meeting (Conf. Rm.) ASC	6 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice ASC	7 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES Camp Agape Bus Pickup 6pm - Philoptochos Fun Night (SH) ASC	8 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES ASC	9 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES ASC
10 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Paletsos Memorial Tavlarides Memorial Theia Maria Darling 40 Day Blessing	11 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	12 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	13 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	14 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLE 6pm – PC meeting (Conference room)	15 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	16 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
17 FATHER'S DAY 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Philoptochos Father's Day	18 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	19 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES JUDE THE APOSTLE 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy	20 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 6:00pm – Vespers 7:00pm – Liturgy 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	21 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	22 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	23 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
24 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 8am - Matins 9:30am - Liturgy	25 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	26 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	27 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 7pm-8:30pm – Choir Practice	28 FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES	29 STS. PETER & PAUL 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy	30 SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 8:00am- Matins 9:00am- Divine Liturgy Sbiliris Baptism (Small Hall)

~ July 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Coffee Hour – PC	
1 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7
8 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy	9	10 6pm – Vesperal Liturgy	11 EUPHEMIA THE GREAT MARTYR	12 6pm – PC meeting (Conference room)	13	14
15 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy	16	17	18	19	20 PROPHET ELIAS 8am – Matins 9:00am – Liturgy	21
22 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy	23	24 CHRISTINA THE GREAT MARTYR 8:00am- Matins 9:00am- Liturgy	25 DORMITION OF ANNA 8:00am- Matins 9:00am- Liturgy 9:00pm – Vigil & Divine Liturgy for Paraskevi	26 PARASKEVI OF ROME 9:00pm – Vigil & Divine Liturgy for Panteleimon	27 PANTELEIMON THE GREAT MARTYR	28
29 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy	30	31 6:00pm- Vesperal Liturgy for the Procession of the Cross				

Calendars are subject to change.