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# Message from Father Apostolos

## Just One Thing



Fifty years ago, the long-running TV detective show "Columbo" premiered to rave reviews. Peter Falk starred as the frumpy, one-eyed detective in the wrinkled overcoat that everyone mistook for a bumbler. In every episode, the bad guy would become convinced that he or she had outwitted Columbo... until he mentioned "just one more thing." And this is where he would expose the bad guy and have the police remand him or her to custody.

Life often comes down to "just one thing." For instance, the account of the Rich Young Ruler recorded in the Gospels details how, despite his having mastered so many aspects of his young life, there was "just one thing" he lacked. Jesus said to him; *"Just one thing you lack; if you would be perfect sell all that you possess and give it to the poor, and come and follow me and you will have treasures in Heaven."* The young man left dejected since the one thing he could not relinquish was his riches.

For the Prophet David, there was just one thing he desired above all else as he records in the 27th Psalm; *"One thing I have asked of the Lord, that will I seek; to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His Temple, this one thing I have asked of the Lord."* For King David, being in the presence of God was the one thing he prized above everything.

And when Jesus visited the home of His friends Mary and Martha, we read that Mary sat patiently at His feet to hear the words of life He spoke while her sister Martha was rushing about playing the dutiful host. She finally complained to Jesus that Mary was being lazy and she was doing all the hard work. But Jesus replied to her, *"Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; only one thing is needful, for Mary has chosen the good part which will not be taken away from her."*

St. Paul was very close to the believers of ancient Philippi, so close that he shared his inner-most thoughts and desires. Written while he languished in prison awaiting his trial, St. Paul details the hardships he has endured to spread the message of Jesus Christ, culminating in these stirring words; *"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* For St. Paul, the one thing he sought above everything else was to reach the Heavenly Kingdom.

But for some, the one thing in life to be sought above all else is wealth and success. And like the Rich Young Ruler who followed the minimum requirements of the Law, we may be content to allow the "one thing" we prize above Jesus Christ to stand between us and salvation. For others, the "one thing" may be a harmful habit, a passion, perhaps a memory of a traumatic experience in the past, a wrong committed, an earthly goal unrealized. And as we've seen in the above accounts, these "one things" can thwart our spiritual goals unless they are addressed and overcome.

The world today places very heavy burdens upon each of us, demanding our time and energy with the threat of financial ruin if we fail to keep up. Like Martha, we may find ourselves racing from one task to the next, desperately wanting to sit at the feet of Christ, to be a "Mary" in our "Martha" world. Whatever our "one thing" might be, we can, with the help of God, learn to emulate the examples of the Prophet David and the Apostle Paul; to value the spiritual above the material.

We will not cover this ground in one single step. It will take many small ones over time and not a few failures along the way. But let us pray to God to give us the strength to desire "the one thing needful" above all the other things that stand between us and Him.

*F. Apostolos*

# 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*

All Holy Trinity Parishioners are invited to attend

## Ministry Sunday Sunday, September 9

Following Liturgy in the Speros Center Large Hall  
Hosted by the Stewardship Committee

Each of our ministries will have a table during Coffee Hour where you can sign up, get involved, or simply get more information on the dozens of ministries Holy Trinity offers.

Being an active participant in the ministries of the Church is one of the best examples of Stewardship. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

### STEWARDSHIP 2018 GOAL

We are inching closer to our goal, but we still have a way to go! Our budgeted Stewardship goal for 2018 is \$380,000. This is a goal that was set by all of us when we voted to approve the budget back in December. Currently, we have 299 families who have pledged \$346,551.08. That leaves us \$33,448.92 short of our goal. Not sure if you have filled out your Pledge Card for 2018? Simply call the Church Office and Diana Camacho, our Office Manager, can look up your information to let you know. We need everyone's support, so please become a Holy Trinity Steward today!

### HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR 2018 PLEDGE CARD?

If you haven't filled out your 2018 Pledge Card, it's never too late! Become a steward today. Visit <http://www.holytrinityphx.org>. Click on the blue Stewardship button. Then fill out your Pledge Card information and submit. You can then choose to make easy automated on-line payments through WeShare (click the red "Donate Now" button) or pay via check or cash. Either way you do it, please become a Holy Trinity steward today!

## Coffee Hour

Thank you to [Sunday School](#) for sponsoring Coffee Hour in August.

The September Coffee Hours will be sponsored by [OPA](#).



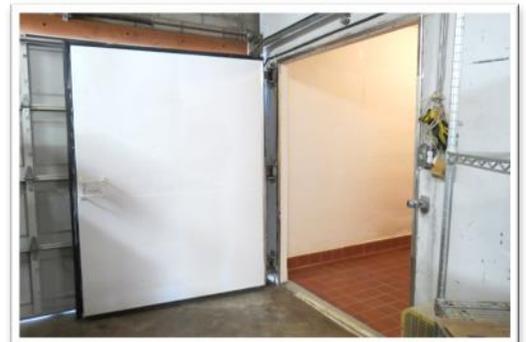
# Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Furlis

Your **HTC Maintenance Committee** has been hard at work over the last year. We are in need of tools and equipment to continue our progress for repairs and upgrades to our campus. We are looking for donations to assist us in our work. If you have any working tools or equipment you no longer use or need—we can put them to good use! We have a large campus and there is much to do to keep our facilities in good working order. Here are some of the **tools & equipment** we could use:

- ⇒ High speed floor polisher
- ⇒ Cordless drills/hammer drivers/20v batteries/drill bits
- ⇒ Air compressor/compressor air line
- ⇒ Wrench sets/pliers/cutting pliers
- ⇒ Screwdrivers of all sizes
- ⇒ Socket sets/socket wrenches and sockets
- ⇒ Work bench/table—portable/non portable
- ⇒ Portable generator
- ⇒ Sawzall—cordless preferred or corded
- ⇒ Saw horses
- ⇒ Sliding Compound Miter Saw - 10" or 12"
- ⇒ Table saw
- ⇒ Painting supplies/rollers/brushes/poles/trays/drop cloths/spray guns
- ⇒ Vice/spring clamps
- ⇒ Storage containers
- ⇒ Bolts/nuts/screws
- ⇒ All-in-one tool sets
- ⇒ Water hoses/power washer
- ⇒ Yard blower
- ⇒ Tool storage cabinet
- ⇒ Shop Vac
- ⇒ Electric extension cords, 50' & 100'

Recent projects completed by the Maintenance Committee are the freezer remodel (many thanks to Chris & Connie Panagiotakopoulos for their donation to remodel the freezer), repainted Speros Center walls and doors, plumbing repairs, ceiling tile replacements, curb painting, water conservation efforts, upgrades to hall paint and lighting, freezer compressor repair, upgraded lighting to Cathedral steps, and the weather sealing of the Chapel windows and doors. These are just a few of the projects completed, along with the general maintenance issues that our Valonis brothers take care of on a continual basis.



We have a great team working hard to improve our aging campus. Please contact Ted Furlis at 602-625-8835 and [htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com](mailto:htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com) or Peter Bilitsis at 602-317-7780 and [pkbilitsis@gmail.com](mailto:pkbilitsis@gmail.com) for further information.

Thank you,

Ted & Peter

# Music Ministry

by Terri Alexon, Director



*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to my God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."*

Psalm 149:1

Hope everyone is staying cool as the dog days of summer are upon us.

September is a busy month for the Holy Trinity music ministry! Here's a breakdown of some important events:

On September 9th, the children resume their music classes immediately following Sunday School at 11:45 am to NOON in the Educational building in Mrs. Thrasher/Mr. Alexon's room. The students will continue learning the liturgical responses and begin learning some songs from the "Living in an Orthodox World", a compilation of sing-a-long tunes for the young and young at heart. The compact disc is currently on sale for \$15 at the Cathedral bookstore, and parents are encouraged to purchase the compact disc and practice with their children over the next month to reinforce the learning process. The goal is to perform a few of the songs at Coffee Hour for Church Musician's Sunday on October 7th.

On September 22nd, Holy Trinity is hosting a pan-Orthodox music workshop in the Speros Community Center called "One Day, One Hymn, One Church." It will be the world premier of a hymn composed by Fr. Michael of St. Haralambos. The hymn is an original composition based upon the 23rd Psalm. Registration is \$15 to cover the cost of lunch, which includes a sandwich, two sides, dessert and a beverage. Most importantly, the event (10am to 3pm) is open to EVERYONE! Please register with the enclosed form or online at: [www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org), then submit payment to Terri Alexon or the Church Office.

This event will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other Orthodox Christians from the Phoenix metro area. Hope to see you there!

Kudos to all who sang on Sunday, August 19 when Metro Gerasimos visited us. At Coffee Hour, His Eminence was animated about how much he enjoyed the Liturgy at our Cathedral, which was highlighted by your voices in harmony.

Also, please take a moment to register online for the Pan-Orthodox Music Workshop on **September 22nd, 10:00am-3:00pm at our Speros Center**. Registration fee is \$15.00 to cover the cost of lunch. Follow directions at this link:

[www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org)

Facebook updates can be found at [www.facebook.com/occfellowship](http://www.facebook.com/occfellowship)

Last but not least, our sister in Christ, Tiffani, is now at Barrows, and has made some much needed improvement. Praise God! Please join us tonight, Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the Cathedral for a Paraklesis service for her and for whomever else in our parish family is suffering from chronic illness.

Blessings to all,  
Terri

# Holy Trinity Academy

## HTA Is Celebrating All Things First!

By Juli Pritsos

As we embark on the new school year, I am reminded that it is filled with all of my favorite things: autumn, rejuvenation from the easy days of summer, and my favorite thing of all – the first days of school!



I have always loved school – the excitement of seeing friends, meeting teachers, learning new things, playing sports, the change

of weather, and a more structured routine. This is my thirteenth year at HTA and that means that this is my thirteenth first day of school with the Littles!



I know what a privilege it is to work in an environment that allows us to teach Orthodoxy all day long. Our entire academic ministry is a labor of love to help our Littles develop into

wonderful Bigs! This does not happen overnight or by accident. With our gardening and fine arts programs married with our overall curricula we know that we have an incredibly well-rounded program that creates memories and learning experiences. Couple that with small class sizes that are key to our students' success from the first day to the last. It is so rewarding to partner with our parents to be a part of that! To be trusted with their most prized possession is such an amazing gift and I am grateful to every family that chooses HTA as the school that their child will have their first day of school. That doesn't get to happen twice and we love celebrating all of their firsts!



Just as HTA partners with parents for their children's success, our parents partner with us for ours. We all work together for the greater good of this wonderful and caring ministry. We are excited for the opportunity to share parent information about HTA at our upcoming Greek Festival where we will showcase our one-of-a-kind program. Other HTA events throughout the year include:

- Family Fun Night – November 2**
- Christmas Pageant – December 20**
- Open House – January 17**
- Fine Art Expo – May 8**
- And finally, our pièces de résistance...  
A Toast to the Future – May 18**



Last year, we were fortunate to work with the Haugen Family to bring awareness to Early Onset Alzheimer's and to raise funds to help the family.

This year we will join hands with another philanthropic organization that benefits children and adults. Over the years we have been very blessed with the success of this event to continue the growth and beautification of HTA and it feels great to be in a position to share a platform to help others.



With all of these wonderful things in store for this new school year it's no wonder that I am excited for the first day of school! I've got my bag packed, pencils sharpened, I'm ready to make new friends, try new things, and learn so much more than I teach.

For more information please call 602-248-3881 or email [julipritsos@holytrinityacademyphx.org](mailto:julipritsos@holytrinityacademyphx.org).

HTA Staff:

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- Mercy Peña-Alevizos** – Preschool Teacher
- Nicki Tsioutsopoulos** – Preschool Assistant
- Sharon Daniolos** – Kindergarten Teacher #2
- Juli Pritsos** – Director and humble servant

# ONE DAY. ONE HYMN. ONE CHURCH.

SPEROS COMMUNITY CENTER - HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

## WHAT IS IT?

- The first-ever pan-Orthodox choral music event in AZ
- World premier of Psalm 23 by Father Michael Pallad
- Social media posting of final performance

## DETAILS

- Saturday, September 22, 2018
- 10:00am-3:00pm
- Lunch included
- Adults \$15/Students \$10
- Details and registration:  
[www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org)

*No choral experience necessary.  
If you love to sing, you will love this event!*



<https://www.facebook.com/occfellowship>



# 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 are available at [www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/fellowhip>

## Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners  
and their guests



Desert Diamonds & Friends, Greetings to All,

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer. My committee and I have been busy working on resuming our activities for the Fall. We have an active 2018-2019 year planned for our group.

Please mark your calendars.

We begin with a Brunch gathering on **September 20th, at 10:00am.**

**Matt's Big Breakfast at the Biltmore Plaza**

**3118 E. Camelback Road**

**Phoenix, AZ 85016**

**602-840-3450**

We do need a count for the restaurant, so please either call or email Julie Karoutas **by Monday, September 17th.**

Julie at 623-313-8720 or email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com)

We are forming a phone committee because 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. Doree Drakos and Judith Lamond will be at our Ministry Sunday table with information for the Desert Diamonds. Please stop by. Thanking you in advance.

Your sister in Christ,  
Julie Karoutas



# Metropolitan Gerasimo's Visit

Sunday, August 19, 2018



## 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!

August readers not pictured: Katie Dye and Naya Vlahos  
Additional Epistle reader photos by Presvytera Denise

## 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**.

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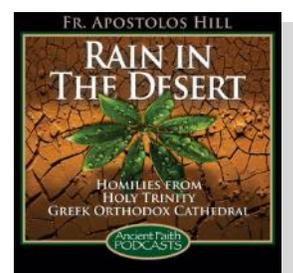
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## Rain In The Desert

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).



# Tell Us Something Good



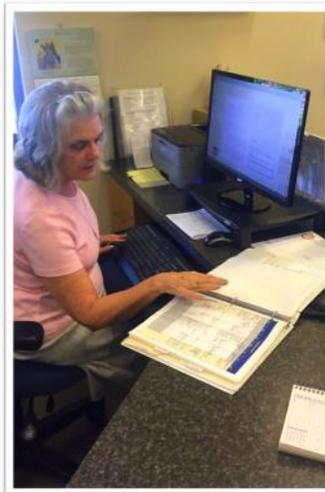
*Happy 55th Anniversary  
Christina and Peter Maydanis  
September 1, 2018*

On September 1, 1963, Christina Poulakidas married Peter Nicholas Maydanis in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on East Virginia Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona.

We thank the many friends and family who celebrated their day, and for making their fifty-five years so wonderful!

*Congratulations!*

# Office Assistance



There's often extra tasks that need to be done in the Church Office. Interested in helping? Look for notices or call Diana at 602-264-7863.

Left: Patsy Harris offers to help with the calendar.

# 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.



# Our Church Family

## 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

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*May her memory be eternal.*



# Bible Study Classes

Bible Study resumes on **Tuesday**, September 4, 2018  
9:30am  
in the Speros Center Lounge.



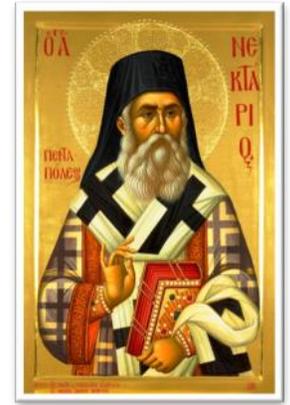
We will continue our study of the book of Acts from last semester.

# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

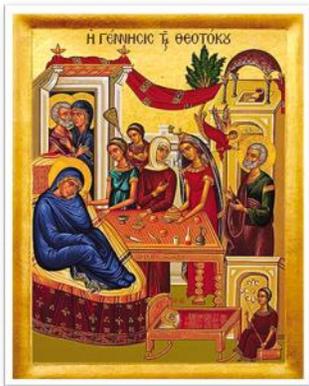
September is here, and again it marks the beginning of a new Ecclesiastical Year!

Again my prayer for all of us is that, as we begin again our Liturgical Journey to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, we take these words to heart: God is real, and loves us unconditionally. He uses our imperfections and human sufferings to make impact on us, or on those around us when He chooses us to be examples of His Grace!



Just a friendly reminder: we are looking to maintain a cool environment for our Bookstore Family, so our door will be closed even when we are open. Please look for the large Bookstore sign near the steps on your way to the Community Center or Sunday School rooms, and also for the smaller “OPEN” signs in our windows! If for any reason these are not present after the Divine Liturgy, please call or email me using the contact information below. Thank you, and have a blessed new Liturgical Year!

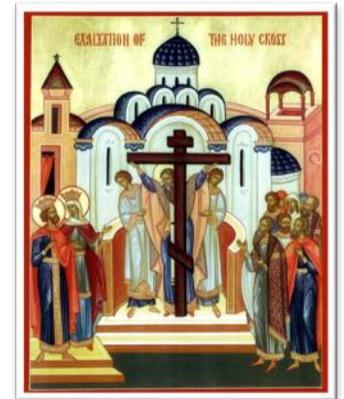
## September Holy Days:



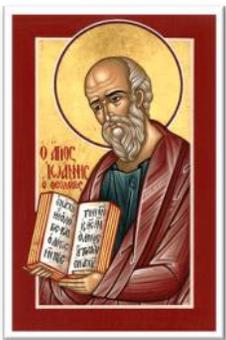
**September 8: Nativity of the Theotokos** – It is appropriate that the first great feast of the liturgical year brings us into the presence of the Blessed Mother of God, the highest example of human holiness!

**September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross** – At this second of the great feasts we encounter the Holy Cross, which reminds us that Christ suffered His Passion and was crucified for our salvation because of His love for us. We are reminded to “bear our own Cross [the ones He gives us, our human trials, which are one of the aspects of the Cross of Christ] and follow Him.” Yet the

Orthodox Church focuses upon the empty Cross, rather than a crucifix, because although Christ allowed Himself to be crucified for our sakes He also Resurrected Himself to remind us of His promise of Life Everlasting through Him.



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



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

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)  
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# 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!**

## A NEW BEGINNING

Submitted by Georgi Frieh

A new ecclesiastical year begins! We are so pleased with those of you who have joined Philoptochos and we look forward to welcoming new members and winter visitors to our Holy Trinity community and to Philoptochos. Fellowship is always present at our meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of the month. Each member can be involved as much as their time permits. Our first meeting will be held on **September 6th**, at 6:30pm with the Blessing of the Waters first and the meeting to follow.

This year, Philoptochos has been working on a pre-order sale of baklava for anyone wishing to enjoy a good holiday favorite or to "gift" to a friend, teacher, co-worker or neighbor. Look for pre-order forms at the Festival and in the Sunday bulletin.

SEE what your 12 month membership donation provides!

- Some of the Archdiocese commitments include support to the Patriarchate, Autism Fund, IOCC, Orthodox Christian Fellowship and Support a Mission Priest.
- Some of our Diocese commitments include Kid N Cancer, Social Welfare Emergency Relief Fund, Women's Wellness and BA Student Endowment Fund.
- Our Holy Trinity community contributions, just to name a few, go to the Priest Benevolent Fund, Wheel Chair Foundation, Camp Agape, Living Hope Center, HTA, and a scholarship fund for our HTC students wishing to continue their education.

Philoptochos sends \$15 to the Archdiocese and \$15 to the Diocese with your membership. Though \$30 is the membership for an entire year, many members wish to contribute more and we welcome their kindness in the new ecclesiastical year!



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

## 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.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Board Meeting

August 15, 2018



## Altar Service

Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?



Contact:

Chris Francis at [battersbox7@yahoo.com](mailto:battersbox7@yahoo.com),  
David Haag at [davidmhaag@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmhaag@yahoo.com) or  
Deacon John Thrasher at [thrasheraz@cox.net](mailto:thrasheraz@cox.net)



## Back to School Luncheon

Sunday, September 9, 2018

# FREE

Everyone Invited!

Hosted by OPA

Immediately following Liturgy

# Sunday School Blessing

Sunday, August 5, 2018



Prayer for Children beginning the New School Year:

“O Lord our God and Creator, who hast honored men with Your own image; who hast taught Your elect, so that most wise are they who give heed to Your teaching; who reveals wisdom unto babes; who hast imparted Your teaching unto Solomon and unto all who have sought Your wisdom: Open the heart, the mind, and the lips of these Your servants, that they may receive the power of Your law, and understand the knowledge which shall be taught them, to the glory of Your all-holy Name, to the profit and building up of Your holy Church, and that they may comprehend Your good and perfect will.

Deliver them from every hostile oppression; preserve them in the Orthodox faith, and in holiness all the days of their lives, that they may increase in wisdom and in the fulfilling of Your commandments, that being thus prepared they may glorify Your all-holy Name and become heirs of Your kingdom. For You are God, mighty in mercy, and gracious in strength, and unto You is due glory: To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.”

**Sunday School Registration taking place NOW!**  
**Sundays after Church during Coffee Hour.**

**Sunday School Begins**  
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

# Sunday School Attendance and Dance Rehearsals



*And David, wearing a linen ephod, danced with all his might before the LORD, while he and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of the trumpets, (2 Samuel 6:14)*

Beloved in the Lord,

Seeing our children in the Divine Service on Sunday brought joy to our Metropolitan Gerasimos' heart as summer gives way to the new school year. Dance rehearsals for our annual Parish Festival have commenced and Sunday school begins just after Labor Day.

The Sunday school staff has been busy exploring how best to support the spiritual development of our Cathedral youth and has selected two new curricula which allows for families to be involved in the weekly lessons at home and for the students to come to class prepared to discuss the week's assignment.

This year, our high school students will be taught in the Cathedral immediately following the dismissal of the Liturgy. They will be learning the basics of the Orthodox Christian faith and the lessons can be found here; <https://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith>

*Please also be aware that in order to be eligible to participate in dance rehearsal for the week, our students and dancers must sign in during the Sunday school lesson in the Cathedral. It will no longer be permitted for dancers to by-pass the Divine Liturgy and Sunday school in favor of dance rehearsal.*

As parents, educators, mentors, and clergy, we are tasked with the sobering responsibility to advance the spiritual development of our young people, to model Orthodox Christian living for them, and to instruct them in the most precious faith. Being mindfully present as the Body of Christ assembles to constitute the Holy Church of Christ is the first essential step along this path.

May the Lord God bless our families, students, teachers, and instructors as the new ministry year begins!

In Christ,

*Rev. Fr. Apostolos Hill*

# Sunday School



Coffee hours, frappé sales, and Sunday school registration.

# Special Assembly Meeting

To discuss the Little Big Minds Expansion  
August 12, 2018



## Holy Trinity Cathedral Visitors— What YOU Can Do to Make Them Feel Welcome

Have you noticed new faces in our Narthex, Sanctuary, and Speros Center? 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 down to Coffee Hour. Ask them to sit with you. A personal connection goes far!

# The Original Phoenix Greek Festival 58th Annual!

**Friday, October 12**  
5pm – 10pm

**Saturday, October 13**  
11am – 10pm

**Sunday, October 14**  
11am – 8pm

## Festival Baking

### Upcoming Baking Schedule

Tsoureki	September 11th, starting at 9am
Baklava	September 13th, starting at 9am
Kourembiethes/Crescents	September 18th & 19th, starting at 9am
Packaging Sweets	October 1st-5th, starting at 9am
Preparing & Packaging	October 8th-11th, starting at 9am



## Your 2018 Desert Springs Subscription

### *Desert Springs* Subscription

Enjoy color copies of Holy Trinity Cathedral's *Desert Springs* delivered to you!

\$3 per issue

There are 11 issues for 2018 (June and July is one combined issue) for \$33

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form to the Church Office or contact Kristen at 602-332-8809 or [kvasilarakos@cox.net](mailto:kvasilarakos@cox.net) for more information.

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# AHEPA 219



## AHEPA Chapter 219

### A Brother's Passing...

Paul J. Karagiannis 88, passed peacefully on Wednesday, August 8, 2018. Beloved husband of Kathy. Loving father of John (Tressa), Stellios and Tom. Dear grandfather of Katrina (Brandon), Alexis, Brody, Jarett and Paul. Brother of Frances Zervos, Athanasios Karagiannis, Angeline Maragos and Constantina Cosmas.



At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, please feel free to make an *in-memory* donation to the **AHEPA Chapter 219 Scholarship Fund**.

Contact Tim Floor, 602-616-1989 for details.

### September Meeting

Our next meeting is:

Thursday, Sep 20, 2018  
6:30pm

Location: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - James A. Speros Community Center.

Interested in becoming a member?

Contact Pete Marudas  
602-284-1638

## AHEPA 219 Bowling



Join us for an afternoon of fun and excitement.  
Community & Family Event

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018**  
**DAVE AND BUSTER'S—DESERT RIDGE**  
**21001 N. TATUM BLVD (NE CORNER - TATUM & 101)**  
**PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85050**  
**(480) 538-8956**

**2 PM TO 4 PM**

**Prices: \$35.00 per person**

Includes: 2 Hours of Bowling, Bowling Shoe Rental,  
Food, and Soda.

For RSVP and information  
Call Tim Floor 602.616.1989

- Community Event
- Teams of 6-8



## AHEPA 2019 Scholarship

The 2018-2019  
AHEPA Chapter 219  
Scholarship Application  
is now available.

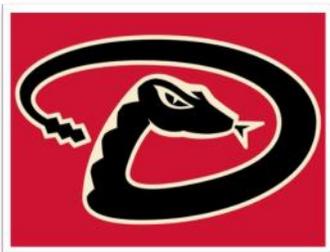
All high school seniors &  
current higher-learning students  
are encouraged to apply.

**Application deadline is October 27, 2018**

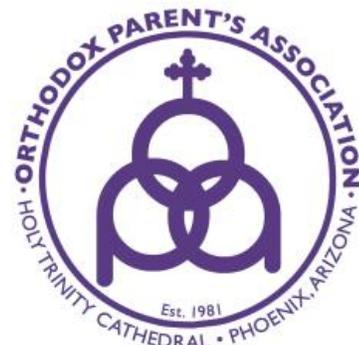
Applications can be found at the  
Church Office,  
on the website: [AHEPA219.com](http://AHEPA219.com),  
or by contacting Ed  
Weiss: [ewpwrqlty@gmail.com](mailto:ewpwrqlty@gmail.com).

# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

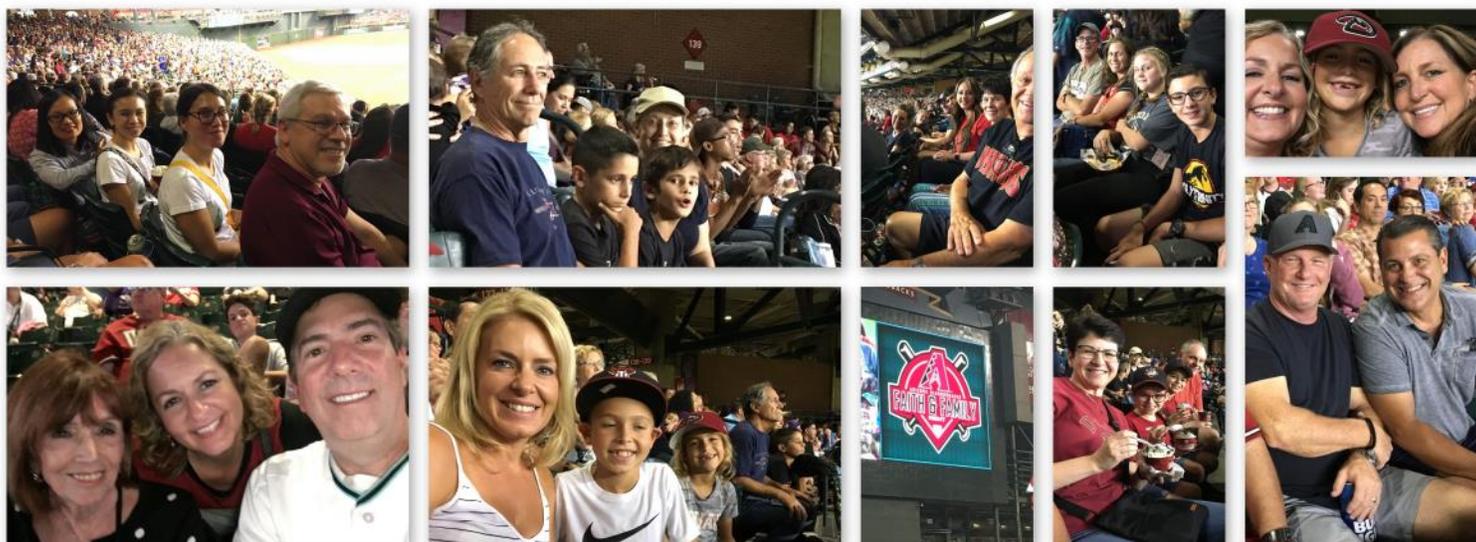
Cindy Kyprianou, President



**Arizona Diamondbacks'**  
Faith & Family Fun Night  
at Chase Field  
**Friday, August 24th**



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.



OPA families participated in **Faith and Family Night at Chase Field** with the Arizona Diamondbacks on August 24th. We reserved **50** seats and had **54** participants! The Diamondbacks lost the game, yet we fellowshiped and reconnected after the long hot summer break and enjoyed the spectacular post game fireworks and MercyMe concert together.

We're excited and ready for the new ecclesiastical year! OPA will host the Coffee Hour in September. We'll serve a **FREE Back to School Luncheon** on Ministry Sunday, September 9th.

We'll hold an OPA Parents meeting after Divine Liturgy on September 16th to inform our parents what OPA does, when the OPA events are taking place, and how to get involved in our youth ministry in seeking to unite our children with Christ.

Our first Hope & Joy and Jr. & Sr. GOYA Event will be **Back to School Bootcamp** on Friday, September 21st. Father Apostolos will lead a Paraklesis at 6pm, followed by fun activities for all youth.

Little Lambs—newborn to pre-K, Hope & JOY—K to 5th grades, Jr. GOYA—6th to 8th grades, and Sr. GOYA—9th to 12th grades.

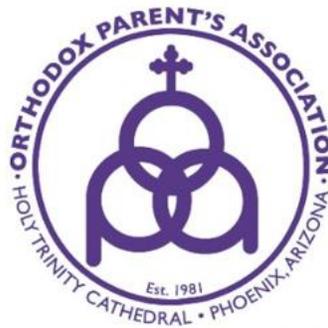
*"Faith can move mountains" Matthew 17:20*

## 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 [cwkyprrianou@hotmail.com](mailto:cwkyprrianou@hotmail.com) and we'll get you added to the list.

# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Continued



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.



## OPA PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Following Liturgy

Meet in the foyer of the Speros Center Large Hall

Come and learn what OPA events are taking place & how to get involved!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Little Lambs

August 26, 2017



# Greek Dance

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Director [npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com)

If you are interested in helping with the dance program, please reach out! We are always looking for volunteers to assist in teaching groups, assisting with costumes, helping with coffee hour, and putting on dance events! Please contact Niko for more information.

Group ages this year are as follows:

Pre K & Kindergarten—Pamela Maydanis/Athanasia Fourlis

1st & 2nd Grade—Anna Panagiotakopoulos/Mike Vaughn

3rd & 4th Grade—Nikki Foreman/George Papadopoulos

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade—Ted Kyriacou/Haroula Kyriacou

9th & 10th Grade—Gabriella Papatzimas/Tasso Annos

11th & 12th Grade—Niko Panagiotakopoulos

College Plus—Gabriella/Niko



## Dance Schedule

Sunday, September 2nd—NO PRACTICE (Labor Day)

Wednesday, September 5th—7:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday, September 9th—12:15pm-2:15pm

Wednesday, September 12th—7:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday, September 16th—12:15pm-2:15pm

Wednesday, September 19th—7:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday, September 23rd—12:15pm-2:15pm

Wednesday, September 26th—7:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday, September 30th—12:15pm-2:15pm

Wednesday, October 3rd—7:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday, October 7th—12:15pm-2:15pm Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 10th—6:00pm Slab Rehearsal

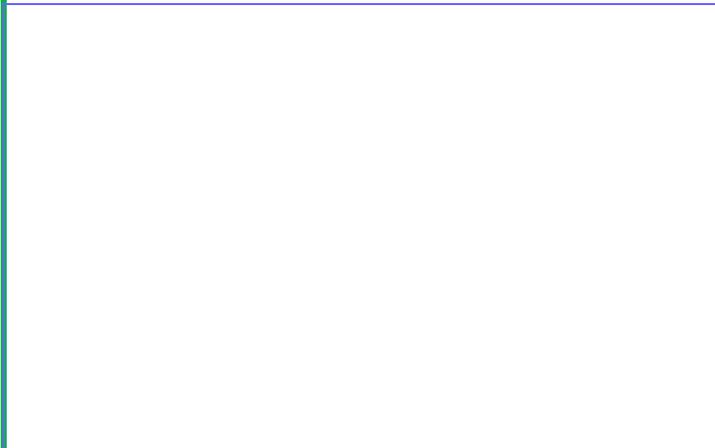
# Dance Practice Launch with Metropolitan Gerasimos

Sunday, August 19, 2019



# 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).



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.

## Sample Size

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.

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)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Calendars are subject to change.