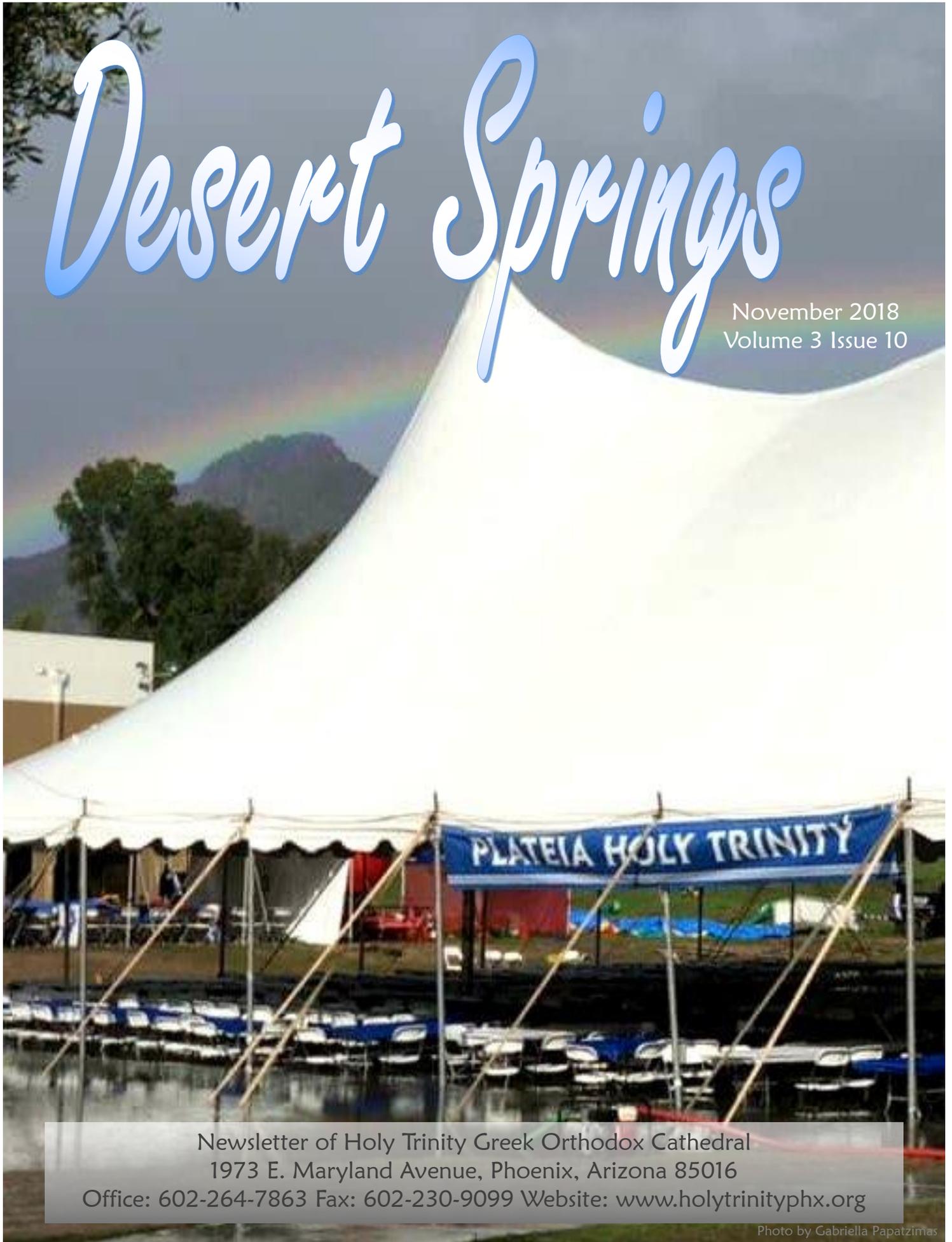


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Message from Father Apostolos

Dancing In The Rain



A sense of dread fell over me as the Saturday of our Festival Weekend announced itself to the sound of thunder and heavy rain. Though life-giving moisture is always welcomed in the desert, timing is everything and the sight of our grand pavilion marooned by "Lake Trinity," as it came to be called, confirmed my forebodings.

Touring the festival grounds, I soon discovered that we had our work cut out for us. Many of the booths were without power and unable to open. Tents and supplies had to be moved, pallets and plywood laid down, and creative solutions found quickly. I joked with some of our dancers about "splash dancing" but it was clear that despite their many hours of rehearsals they would be unable to perform.

It is said that character is revealed under adverse circumstances and the true character of our community was certainly on display at this year's festival. One might expect to have heard grumbling or complaining, or to have witnessed a gloomy and dejected reaction to the steady downpour but such negativity never emerged.

Instead, some iconic moments occurred which will long endure; such as the sight of our pool supply vendor's float toys drifting about in Lake Trinity. Or the viral video of some crazy Greeks ankle-deep in water as they danced in the swamped pavilion with silly grins plastered across their faces, undaunted in their joy!

And as the festival was winding down Sunday evening, one of our young adults asked me if I thought the festival was a success despite the rain to which I replied with a resounding "yes!" To be sure, our anticipated financial windfall took a hit and we must respond to this new challenge. But as I looked around at the festival volunteers busily discharging their assigned duties I was filled with pride.

For we rose to the occasion and surmounted the obstacles thrown in our way! When we could have thrown up our hands and given in to pessimism, we just worked harder. Even among our young dancers who could, by right, have been depressed at not getting to display their skills to the typically huge Saturday crowds, we found ebullient spirits as they channeled their energies into even more sparkling Sunday performances!

And what we attained in exchange for the funds we did not realize is of far greater value; the true measure of ourselves. It is easy for us to become lulled into a false sense of security as our string of sunny festival weekends seemed unending (though we knew this streak would eventually end.) We had long since come to rely too heavily on this annual windfall and had thus become complacent to an extent.

However, a parish community capable of rallying around the mission of executing our annual festival in such trying circumstances - and that with a positive can-do attitude - cannot validly say of itself "we can't" when faced with whatever new challenges lie ahead of us.

We owe it to ourselves, our children, and to those such as our beloved Tiffani Bichekas who so loved the festival and whom we lost that Sunday morning, to *remember* what we accomplished and can accomplish together! Challenges we will certainly have, but with our trust in God and in the power of our Faith in Jesus Christ we will overcome them!

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*

LEARNING FROM THE PAST - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As we begin to wrap up our Stewardship 2018 campaign, we do so with questions and concerns as we did not reach our budgeted goal. But it absolutely does not deter us. Rather, it will reinvigorate us to strive for the future!

In fact, the Stewardship Committee plans to do some soul searching and some digging. Why wasn't this goal met? What can we do better? What changes need to be made? How can we better serve our parishioners? And that's where YOU come in! We need your help to give us the answers we need so we can develop a plan and the tools we need to better serve our Cathedral.

We encourage your feedback and want to know how we can better serve you, our parishioners. I encourage you to reach out with your suggestions. Please email me at: sandymeris@yahoo.com. We will also be utilizing tools and data available to us from the Diocese and Archdiocese to help us learn and grow our stewardship program.

Thank you, Adam Venetis

After two years on the Stewardship Committee, Adam Venetis is stepping away to focus more of his time on his busy duties on the Parish Council, his business, and of course his beautiful family. Adam has been an amazing partner and steadfast servant. His love and dedication to the church are infectious! Thank you for your service, Adam!

Welcome, Kristen Bruskas

With Adam's departure we are proud to announce that Kristen Bruskas is joining our small but mighty committee. Kristen has served Holy Trinity tirelessly for as long as I can remember. She brings to our group a wealth of knowledge and insight and we are blessed to have her involvement.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

Mark your calendars for our annual Stewardship Sunday which will be December 2nd. As always, we will host a **FREE** lunch as a thank you to all our parishioners for your past dedication as well as your commitment to the future. On this day, we ask that you come with your filled out 2019 Stewardship Pledge Card. We will also unveil the 2019 Stewardship theme. We look forward to breaking bread together as we commit to continuing to work together for the good of our beautiful Cathedral.

Stewardship—WeShare

Continue to look for **WeShare** and this image



on the updated www.holytrinityphx.org website to create your online Stewardship profile.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to **Choir** for sponsoring Coffee Hour in September.



The October Coffee Hours will be sponsored by **Dance**.



Thank You To Our Festival Volunteers

On behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to express our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to all of our parishioners who volunteered at this year's Festival.

In all, there were more than **450** individual volunteers during the weekend! What an amazing display of stewardship and fellowship. Many of you worked multiple booths and wore various hats, working side-by-side with your fellow parishioners, bringing out your neighbors, co-workers and friends to enjoy our culture.

And this year's relentless downpour didn't deter or stop us. Everyone got creative, rolled up their sleeves and made it work by continuing to sell food, play music, and show our guests a great time! What a beautiful example of determination and dedication.

Our Festival is more than the largest fundraiser for our church. It is a beautiful example of what can be accomplished when we all come together for the common good with a specific goal. We should be proud of what an amazing Festival we have and we are extremely proud of our Holy Trinity Family!

May God continue to bless our community and each and every one of our parishioners. And may next year's Festival be bigger and better than ever!

OPA!

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.



Philoptochos Blessing

Thursday, October 4, 2018



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.

Thank you to the October Hostesses
Pam Souvall Solomon
and Lois Sakkas



JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2018-2019

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

Office Assistance and May Barbara's & Tiffani's Memory Be Eternal



2016

(l to r) Barbara Cope, Tiffani Bichakas, Lynn Graham, and Patsy Harris pose for a photo in the Church Office around the time of Lynn's retirement.

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.

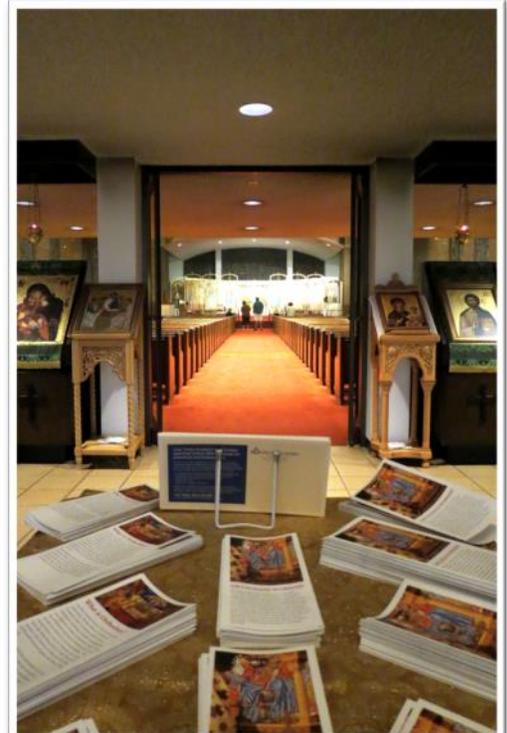
Festival Cathedral Tours

"Tours of our beautiful Cathedral figure prominently in our various festival offerings and ... (e)ach of the last few years have witnessed dramatic growth of souls intrigued enough to step inside and ask questions of us."

-Father Apostolos

Visitors did stop in throughout the weekend and even with the low attendance due to the heavy rains, more than \$840 was collected for candle offerings—showing we had *many* step inside!

Blessings!



✝ 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 **inviolable** and be held in perpetuity by the Church. The funds are prudently managed by the investment committee, which reports to the Parish Council. The 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 \$882,606.

The Endowment Fund has, over the past few years returned to the Church over \$ 50,000 in dividends and has applied over \$110,000 of appreciated value to reduce the outstanding balance of our loan from \$998,000 to \$651,000. 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 \$ 651,000 @ 3 ¼%.

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.

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Gifts over \$10,000.00

Gabriel N. & Helen H. Papagallos
The DeMoss Families
Mary Montague
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Faye Boukas
Dennis & Anastasia DeBerry
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Dr. Nicholas Baziotes

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James & Connie Coin Contes

General Endowment Fund donations In Memory of:
Stacy Hotis, Danny Speros, Mark Sprintz, Milton Sioles,
Father James and Presbyteria Katherine Tavlarides

GIFT FORM

Please list the endowment gift as follows: _____

Here is my one time General Endowment gift, which I may add to, of \$_____.

I plan to give a \$10,000.00 or more single gift NOW, which I may add to, of \$_____.

I wish to make a gift of \$10,000.00 or more payable over a three year period.
Year One \$_____ Year Two \$_____ Year Three \$_____

I plan to include the Holy Trinity Endowment fund in my will____, in my Living Trust____, or
TOD*_____

*TOD = transfer on death

By:_____ Dated:_____201_____

Donor, please sign and keep a copy for your records

All gifts will be preserved in the archives of Holy Trinity Cathedral
[updated 9/22/2018]

Thanks, and +God Bless You+ for your generosity.

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Holy Trinity Academy

Change is in the air and it feels GREAT!

By Juli Pritsos

We have more than seasonal changes happening at HTA – we also have a change to our staff with our newest staff member, Yvette Sherman! Yvette has been volunteering her time each Wednesday assisting with our art and gardening program and conducting a music class with our students. When the opportunity presented itself to have her come on board, I knew I couldn't pass it up. She is so talented and her passion for teaching and her enthusiasm is contagious. I am confident that having her at HTA will bring added energy and enthusiasm to continue to build our already incredible program! Yvette is not new to HTA; you might even say that she is a veteran. As an HTA mom, Yvette believes strongly in the academics and atmosphere of which her children have been a part. (Emery went from Pre-K3 through Kindergarten and is now in first grade and Olivia started this year in our Pre-K3 program.) Yvette has her BA degree in Liberal Arts: Family and Human Development from ASU and has an impressive work resume with extensive work experience in the early education field, among them includes Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan



Yvette, her husband Phillip, and their beautiful daughters Emery and Olivia.

Phoenix and the non-profit program Southwest Human Development as a Family Support Specialist. With such great experience I had to know why HTA was on her first choice. "I want to work at HTA for a few reasons. As a parent, I have been more than impressed with their philosophy and guidance they provide. HTA has always been a nurturing, positive, impactful school and I am excited to witness all the children including my own learn and achieve. As a

professional in the early childhood education field I look forward to continuing my passion working with children, and being part of the HTA community. I hope to be a vital part of this thriving school and make a difference to the children and their families."



Yvette conducting music class with The Littles!

Of this I am sure feel very blessed that she has made HTA her work choice just as her and her husband Phillip made HTA their school choice for their beautiful children. There is no greater compliment than to have a parent ask to be a part of the staff. It says a lot about how they feel about HTA not only as a school, but also as a positive working environment. I look forward to working with Yvette and continuing to make HTA a continued place for academic excellence. No other school that I have been associated with offers the curriculum, rich cultures and traditions, and fine arts training to students of all ages. It truly is one of a kind. To be part of this unique school and to work with such a fine and outstanding staff is a dream come true.

As we continue to grow and change, HTA hopes that you will share in its enthusiasm and consider making HTA your school of choice. Early enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Friday, November 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family Fun Night and Early Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year – November 2

Christmas Pageant – December 20

HTA Open House/Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 School Year – January 17

For more information please call, 602-248-3881, or email julipritsos@holyltrinityacademyphx.org.



Music Ministry

by Terri Alexon, Director



Saying, I will tell of Your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation, I will sing Your praise.

Hebrews 2:12

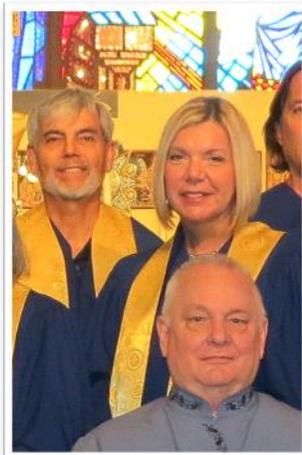
It was with a collective, heavy heart that the Cathedral Choir sang at the funeral of our sister in Christ, Tiffani. Most of her fellow choir members were present in the loft on **October 22, 2018**, fighting back the tears while singing her favorite hymns.

It was the Choir's final gesture of love as we followed Tiffani's coffin down the main aisle of the Cathedral. While we are relieved her suffering has ended, we grieve her absence very deeply, especially on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

Tiffani sang in the choir for about 15 years and served on the Choir Board as Treasurer for the past four years. Her music stand engraved with her name sits quietly in the corner of the loft in tribute. Her choir robe still hangs on the rack; Her music scribbled with her personal "notes" sits idle in her cubbie.

How we had hoped to grow old together in the Choir! We now know the the Lord had other plans.

May her memory be eternal!



If you're interested in contributing your voice to the music ministry, please contact Terri Alexon by email at htphxmusicdirector@gmail.com or by text or call at **480-233-2416**.

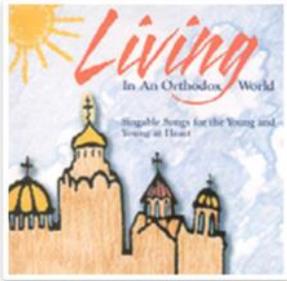


St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris



November is a time of Thanksgiving, and is the beginning of the preparations for Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). Advent, as this fasting time is also called, is like Great Lent in that it lasts for forty days, but it doesn't have the same liturgical restrictions and strictness. Instead, it is a time for feeling more intensely our individual awareness of the grace the coming of our Lord affords us.



Our featured new CD, "Living in an Orthodox World," is a great way to help each of us prepare for the coming Holy Days! The hymns each present "directly or indirectly, a liturgical service or theme in a way that is simple, sing-able, memorable, and educational. Some songs incorporate portions of prayers, [hymns] and melodies from liturgical services to implant a familiarity and desire for the services of Church." (Fr. Michael Shambour) And our own Youth Choir is learning to sing some of them for us! The CDs are reasonably priced so they will make great gifts for family and friends. Come and listen to the CD this month in the Bookstore!

November Holy Days:

November 1: SS. Comas and Damianos, the Unmercenaries – these two twin brothers were early martyr physicians who treated the poor and needy for free. ("Mercenary" means motivated only by profit.) *They are also commemorated on July 1st.*

November 8: Synaxis of the Archangels, also known as the Feast of St. Michael and All the Holy Angels—angels are pure created spirits whose purpose is to adore and reflect the Divine Beauty. They intervened with patriarchs, prophets; ministered to Jesus in the desert, in His agony and at His Resurrection; and were intimately involved in the lives of the Apostles and the beginnings of the Church. Scriptures mention only three Angels by name: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

November 9: St. Nectarios the Wonderworker – we are celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron Saint on Sunday, November 11, with a small "Coffee And" on the courtyard in front of the Education Building. Come and join us, please!

November 13: St. John Chrysostom – a priest and Patriarch of Constantinople, his name means "golden mouthed" because of his eloquent sermons and his liturgical reforms. It is his Divine Liturgy that is celebrated every Sunday! He is also commemorated on January 30th.

November 14: St. Philip the Apostle, and also St. Gregory Palamas – Philip (or Phillip) was the fourth Apostle chosen by Christ, and the only one with a Greek name. He probably spoke Greek. St. Gregory expounded and defended the theological doctrine of 'divine light', as in "I am the Light of the world." He is also celebrated on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

November 15: Nativity Fast begins.

November 16: St. Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist – "Matthew" comes from Hebrew, meaning 'gift of Jehovah.' He was a tax collector who became one of the Twelve Apostles and wrote the first Gospel of the New Testament.

November 21: Entry into the Temple of the Theotokos – two themes give us the spiritual meaning of the presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple. First, the holiness of Mary herself is indicated; she is as a small child devoting her life to her God. Second is a comparison of the physical Temple (made of stone) and the living Temple, a life that is holy and pure with God. It is the living Temple which sanctifies the building. Through the Theotokos, this living Temple unites each of us to Christ, as she is the instrument of the Incarnation. "Know ye not that you are the Temple of God?" (1 Cor. 3:16)

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

Narthex Ministry

What YOU Can Do to Make Visitors 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!

Young Adults:

We are looking for those who are older than Sunday School age and would like to assist in the Narthex Ministry one Sunday every few months to help greet parishioners OUTSIDE the double doors.

Key duties:

- Welcome parishioners who drive to the upper drop-off driveway, open car doors, and walk with the parishioners to the Narthex.
- Walk with seniors—or those who are carrying items—from the bottom of the stairs up to the Narthex.

The goal is to have an *outside* presence to assist our parishioners and visitors as they approach the Cathedral.

Interested? Text Kristen Vasilarakos at 602-332-8809 or email at kvasilarakos@cox.net.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Website

Check out the NEW Holy Trinity website at www.holytrinityphx.org!

The website is **mobile-friendly** and is designed to be **your go-to site** for all things related to our Parish. Add holytrinityphx.org to your favorites!



Check out the **Calendar** for the latest updates on all services and events.

And the **links!** You will have **easy access** to information on Orthodoxy, Services, Stewardship, Media, Ministries, and more.

Please note, new information is continually being updated and added. Some links are waiting a "fix" and will be corrected soon.

We welcome your feedback! Email kvasilarakos@cox.net with questions, comments, or ideas of what you'd like to see included.

Give the site a try! Go to www.holytrinityphx.org today.

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests

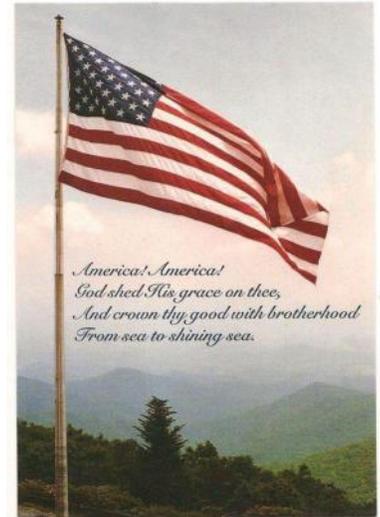


Greetings to All our Desert Diamonds & Friends Ministry,

On Tuesday, November 13th at 11:00am, in the Speros Center Large Hall, we will be enjoying a Pot Luck luncheon, honoring our Veteran's. Veteran's Day is Sunday, November 11th. Wear your Red, White & Blue!

Please respond if you will be attending, and what you wish to bring, to juliekaroutas@gmail.com or phone Julie at 623-313-8720 or Judith at 703-819-9957, and if you see Doree, please let her know.

Invite a friend, they are always welcome!



To those that could not attend the ASU Concert on October 23rd, you missed a beautiful Violin & Piano concert, performed by some very talented students of ASU and a fantastic continental breakfast offering prior to the performance. All this was complimentary for a donation of a can of food, and if you wished, a \$5.00 goodwill offering. What a delightful morning we enjoyed. We will be returning and hopefully more of you will participate.

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.

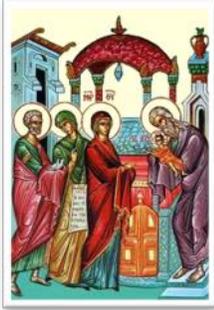
Your sister in Christ,
Julie Karoutas



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



9/23/2018

Tytan Vasilarakos, son of Drem Wilson-Lewis & Lucas Vasilarakos

God's Blessings be upon him.

Baptism

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



10/28 /2018

Theo Panagiotakopoulos, son of Alexi & Alexia Panagiotakopoulos

Godparents: Zachary & Nikki Foreman

God's Blessings be upon him.

Wedding

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



10/6/2018

Hannah Kramer & William Neal

God's Blessings be upon them

Funeral

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.”

Psalm 23:6



10/22/2018

Tiffani Noelle Bichakas

May her memory be eternal.

Bible Study Classes

Tuesdays

9:30am
in the Speros
Center Lounge.



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

Altar Service

Interested in learning more about serving on the altar?



Contact:

Chris Francis at battersbox7@yahoo.com,

David Haag at davidmhaag@yahoo.com or

Deacon John Thrasher at thrasheraz@cox.net

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



Cathedral Dome

at Sunset Between the Rains

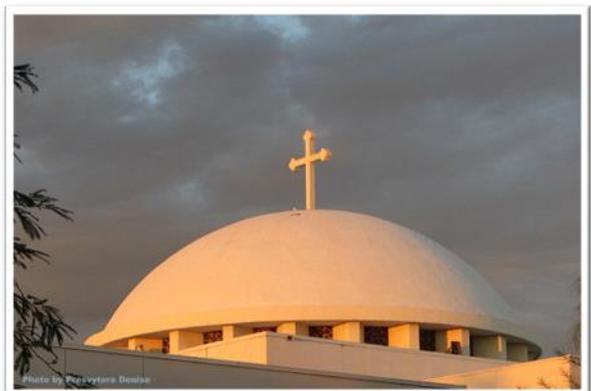


Photo taken by Presvytera Denise on Festival Saturday.

Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Fourlis

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'

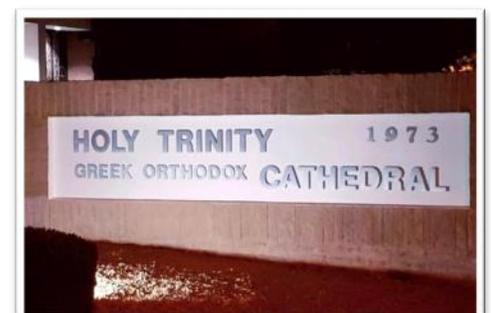
Thank you,

Ted & Peter

**Do you have a specific skill or do you work in an industry that
would assist our Church with maintenance needs?
We'd like to hear from you!**

We have a great team working hard to improve our aging campus.

Please contact Ted Fourlis at 602-625-8835 and htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com or Peter Bilitsis at 602-317-7780 and pkbilitsis@gmail.com for further information.



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!

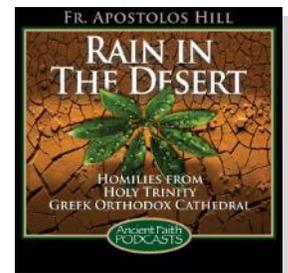


October Readers

Includes photos by Presvytera Denise

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.



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](#) and through the links on the [website](#).

Subscribe and like us today

<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityphx.org/>; <https://youtu.be/h-6GLW3udVo>



FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL 2018

Platinum

The DeMoss Families, In Memory of Fr. James & Presbytera Katherine Tavlarides
Stella Kosta, In Loving Memory of George Kosta
The Manelis Family, In Memory of Catherine Callaghan
The Meris Family, In Memory of Nick Meris
Else Paetsos, In Loving Memory of Alexander Paetsos
Alex & Olga Papamatheakis

Gold

The Choukalas Family
Honorable Connie Contes, In Loving Memory of Takie Tavlarides and his Beloved Parents, Fr. James & Presbytera Catherine
Tavlarides and Honorable Hercules Alexander Dellas In Loving Memory of Alexander & Margaret Dellas
Zachary & Nikki Forman
Spike & Tina Karalekas
Katsenes Insurance Family, Since 1925
The Kyprianou Family
The Petsas Family
St. Katherine Philoptochos

Silver

Mary N. Floor
GreekFest Restaurant
In Loving Memory of George "The Jof" Jouflas
In Memory of Bill Kimmell & Karen Kimmell
The Socrates Papadopoulos Family

Bronze

Anonymous (2)
Presvytera Helen Anastas
Sheila M. Asala
Camelback Coaching—Anne & Bill Wilson
Harriet Chotras
Blair & Katerina Denniston
Lynn & Bill Graham
Courtney & Niki Harris
In Loving Memory of Ruth A. Hotis
Irene DeBerry-Jensen & Michael Jensen
Helen Zannis Katsufraakis
Ronald & Virginia Kidd
The Lambrou Family
James & Stephanie Machas
Anna T. Manos
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Philip, Helen & Andrew Mitchell
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Lyda Rabbitt
John Siavelis
Constantin Soloman
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Angelo & Marie Spanos
St. Nectarios Books & Beyond
John & Teresa Thomas
Dimitri Tsioutsopoulos & Rebecca Davis
Mrs. Argyro Vasquez
Terri & Scott Vaughn
Catherine Wallerich
Zella Zannis

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Stephen Melas



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS DONATIONS!**

The Original Phoenix Greek Festival 58th Annual!

Friday, October 12

Saturday, October 13

Sunday, October 14



Includes Photography by Slaven Gujic

Sunday School Brunch

Sunday, November 4, 2018



Godparent Sunday Brunch!

Enjoy the Divine Liturgy
with your Godparent(s) and Family
and
then enjoy BRUNCH together!

**WHEN: THIS Sunday
November 4th**

Immediately following Divine Liturgy on
the Patio in the community center

COST: \$7.00 per person donation

Please join us for a fabulous brunch
made and served by your children's
Sunday School teachers!

**There will NOT be Sunday School on this day
so you can worship with your family.

We will see you back in the classroom on November 11th!

Greek School

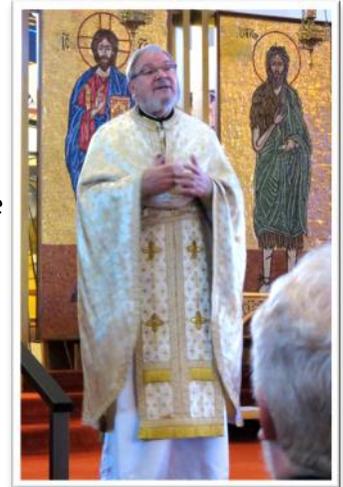


Holy Trinity Greek
&
Heritage School of Phoenix

We hope everyone had a relaxing and restful
summer! Greek School is back, we will meet
Wednesday nights from 5pm-7pm. If you have
any questions, please contact Irene Mackos at
eirinie@gmail.com.

Father Janko

We were pleased to have
Father Janko Trbovich
sub during Father
Apostolos' Sunday away.



“New” Curtains!

The curtains that had hung in the Speros Center's
Large Hall were repurposed to cover the east-
facing windows in the Small Hall.



Daughters of Penelope #432



**HOLY TRINITY GREEK
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

1973 EAST MARYLAND AVE. PHOENIX, AZ

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018
4:00PM-8:00PM**

Menu

**Chicken, Potato Salad, Nacho Bar, Corn, Sundaes & Fruit
No Host - Beer, Wine, Soda & Frappe Bar**

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AHEPA 219



AHEPA Chapter 219

A Brother's Passing...

We would like to thank those who contributed to the AHEPA 219 Educational and Cultural Foundation Scholarship Fund in honor of our fallen Brother Paul Karagiannis.



November Meeting Information

Our next meeting is:

Thursday, Nov 15, 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

All Saints Camp Fundraiser

2ND ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY | December 8, 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

\$125 PER GOLFER

(If paid by Dec 1st | \$150 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)

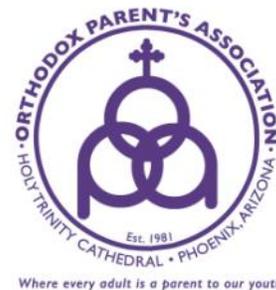
RSVP by DEC 1, 2018
office@assumptionaz.org | 480-991-3009



ALL SAINTS CAMP

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



Our Cathedral held the annual Original Phoenix Greek Festival in October. We truly experienced God's abundant grace and blessings among us in rain or shine this year! OPA Family members worked in various stands to serve food, drinks, pastries, groceries or T-shirts. Our dancers performed exceptional traditional Greek Dances. The Saturday's heavy rain stopped the dance performances but didn't stop the festival comers. We pleasantly served food, drinks, music with our smiles! Sunday's sun brought back our dance performances and heavy crowd. We have yet finished another successful Festival!

Thanksgiving is in November! As we begin our nativity fasting, our Little Lambs went to the pumpkin patch at the Schnepff farms; the Hope & JOY will do a unique Thanksgiving project, while we'll have Fr. Jacob joining our OPA Parents' Happy Hour for a Family Wellness workshop; and our Jr & Sr GOYAnS are going to join St. Mary's food bank Alliance's Super Saturday Turkey Drive. Please follow our OPA newsletter for details on each event.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever. Ps 107:1

Little Lambs Pumpkin Patch Outing

Saturday, October 27, 2018



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

HOPE & JOY and OPA Happy Hour & Workshop

Hope & JOY

FUN NIGHT

Friday, November 16th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



For information, contact
Evan Tsagaris at: etsagaris89@gmail.com

OPA Parents' Happy Hour and Family Wellness Workshop with Fr. Jacob

Friday, November 16th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We are excited to have Fr. Jacob join our event. Fr. Jacob has been with many of our youths in the retreats, All-Saints camp and summer camp at Saint Nicholas ranch for many years, and now it is our time to spend some time with him getting some of his spiritual insight.

Please bring your favorite wine and/or hors d'oeuvre to share, and a question for Fr. Jacob, such as, "How are we, as Orthodox Parents in the valley doing as a whole, for our youth and church?"



St. Mary's
Food Bank
ALLIANCE

Jr. & Sr. GOYA

Please join St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance's
Super Saturday Turkey Drive
in helping combat hunger this holiday season.

Saturday November 17th

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

at the Safeway

3132 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, 85016

For further details,
contact Cindy Kyprianou at 480-993-6437
or cwkyprrianou@hotmail.com



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.



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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.

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Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Holidays in United States

Nov 2018 (Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix)

Calendar is subject to change.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 28 7TH SUNDAY OF OXI DAY 8am - Matins @ Holy 9:30am - Divine 10am - Annos/Katsiman 10am - Frances | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween 9am - BNI | 1 COSMAS & 8am - Matins @ Holy 9am - Divine Liturgy 7pm - Philoptochos | 2 6pm - HTA Open House | 3 |
| 4 5TH SUNDAY OF Daylight Saving Time 8am - Matins @ Holy 9:30am - Divine 10am - Mary Maniatis 10am - Philoptochos 10:30am - Sunday 11:30am - Youth Choir | 5 Elections Set-up @ Holy 3:30pm - Junior | 6 5:30am - Elections @ 9:30am - Bible Study | 7 Elections Equipment 9am - BNI 4pm - Junior 5pm - Greek School @ 6pm - Vespers 7pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - Dance Practice @ 7pm - Divine Liturgy | 8 SYNAXIS OF THE 6pm - Parish Council | 9 NEKTARIOS THE 8am - Matins @ Holy 9am - Divine Liturgy 11am - Coffee Hour at | 10 4pm - Daughters of |
| 11 8TH SUNDAY OF Veterans Day 8am - Matins @ Holy 9:30am - Divine 10am - George 10:30am - Sunday | 12 NO HTA Veterans Day observed 3:30pm - Junior | 13 JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 8am - Matins @ Holy 9am - Divine Liturgy 10am - Desert | 14 PHILIP THE APOSTLE 9am - BNI 9:30am - Fire Drill @ 5pm - Cultural Greek 7pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - Dance Practice @ | 15 NATIVITY FAST 6pm - AHEPA Meeting 6pm - HTA Board 6pm - Vespers @ 7pm - Divine Liturgy | 16 NATIVITY FAST MATTHEW THE 7am - BNI Awards 6pm - HOPE & JOY Fun 6pm - Parents' Happy | 17 11:30am - Jr./Sr. GOYA |
| 18 NATIVITY FAST 9TH SUNDAY OF 8am - Matins @ Holy 9:30am - Divine 10am - Tiffani Noelle 10:30am - Sunday | 19 3:30pm - Junior | 20 9:30am - Bible Study 6pm - Vespers @ 7pm - Divine Liturgy | 21 ENTRANCE OF THE 8am - HTA Potluck @ 9am - BNI 7pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - Dance Practice @ | 22 NATIVITY FAST No HTA Thanksgiving Break @ Holy Trinity Thanksgiving Day | 23 | 24 |
| 25 NATIVITY FAST 13TH SUNDAY OF No Sunday School @ 8am - Matins @ Holy 9:30am - Divine 11:30am - Youth Choir 12pm - Dance Practice | 26 3:30pm - Junior | 27 9:30am - Bible Study | 28 9am - BNI 4pm - Junior 5pm - Greek School @ 7pm - Choir Practice @ 7pm - Dance Practice @ | 29 | 30 ANDREW THE FIRST- 8am - Matins @ Holy 9am - Divine Liturgy | 1 OPA Day of Christmas |