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Message from Father Apostolos

The Heart of the Matter



Imagine if you can that just before the beginning of Great Lent (commencing February 19th, by the way) that all fasting requirements are to be suspended for the season! Your initial thought may be *"All right! Bring on the cheeseburgers!"*

If we are honest with ourselves we must admit that the Lenten season is dominated by dietary concerns and how best to keep the Great Fast or manage the guilt of not keeping it. And yet, fasting is the least important aspect of the three-pronged Lenten discipline of Prayer, Alms-giving, and Fasting.

So, for the sake of argument let's pretend that we are to be granted a dispensation from all fasting this Great Lent. In such a case, of what would our Lenten journey consist? Absent fasting, what clues would we encounter in our weekly activities that Lent is underway? Or, absent fasting, would the season simply race by unnoticed until the Holy Friday evening service?

The liturgical rhythm of the Church undergoes a shift with the appearance of the hymns from the Lenten Triodion during the last Matins service of January. This is reinforced by the theme presented to the faithful in this preparatory period; the Publican and Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, Judgement Sunday, and Forgiveness Sunday.

And once Great Lent is underway the daily Scripture readings shift from the New to the Old Testament while the evening services of Great Compline, the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, and the Akathist Hymn to the Virgin Mary are celebrated.

Sad to say, the workaday bustle of modern life and the financial pressures we face make it tremendously difficult to apprehend the presence of Great Lent through the many services provided, leaving the fasting discipline as the sole aspect of the season available to us. Here, I may remind you that "fasting without prayer is really just dieting."

What can we then do to experience the "Lenten Spring" more fully? It is virtually certain that very few are able to attend every one of the Lenten services celebrated in the coming season. This ought not discourage us from doing what we can, perhaps attending a service for the first time we've never before witnessed. Online resources abound which offer simple explanations about the theme of the week, the scripture reading of the day, or helpful encouragements from the holy fathers and saints of the Church.

One brilliant idea entails selecting a local charity to which a family donation can be made from the savings of keeping the Lenten fast and avoiding expensive and elaborate meals. But however we embrace the opportunity in a way appropriate to our personal situation, I do encourage us to avoid the trap of obsessing solely on the dietary restrictions of Great Lent and piercing the heart of the matter which is purification and restoration to renewed spiritual health and vitality in Jesus Christ!

Stewardship 2017

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*

GIVING FROM THE HEART

When we think of "giving" we don't always think of it as doing so from the heart. Giving sounds like it can be burdensome, a chore, or something that doesn't benefit us. When in fact, if giving is done from the heart, it has the total opposite effect. For those who give and give from the heart – they find the reward they receive is far greater than anything they have given. Whether that is giving financially, of one's time, or of one's talents – the giver feels he or she has gained more than they have given up.

In fact, throughout the Bible there are multiple teachings about giving. According to the Christian Stewardship Association, within the Bible, there are seven secret keys that unlock the door to teach about Biblical giving:

1. **Give Reverently** (Deut. 14:23)
2. **Give Systematically** (Gen 28:16-22, Pro 3:9,10)
3. **Give Expectantly** (I Kings 17, Haggai 1:4-11)
4. **Give Cheerfully** (II Cor. 9:7, Lev. 22:17, 18)
5. **Give Accordingly** (I Cor 16:2)
6. **Give Eternally** (III John 8, I Sam. 30:22)
7. **Give Faithfully** (I For. 4:2)

It is important to remember and understand the joy and excitement God wants us to experience in our financial giving. May you reflect on these Bible verses and hopefully they will speak to you as you faithfully, prayerfully fill out your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Card and make your financial commitment to Holy Trinity.

Please visit <http://www.holytrinityphx.org/> Click on the blue Stewardship 2018 button and fill out your Pledge Card. Once submitted, you may then select WeShare for easy, automated on-line giving or choose to pay with cash or check by using stewardship envelopes.

Stewardship Envelopes

Please be aware that the delivery of the annual Stewardship envelopes has been delayed this year due to circumstances beyond the Office's control. They are keeping in constant communication with the printing company that provides the service. The office will send out an announcement as soon as the envelopes are available for pick up at the usual spot in the Narthex. Apologies are offered for any inconvenience this has caused.

One Spirit+One Vision

OS+OV

the foundation of our ongoing building fund program

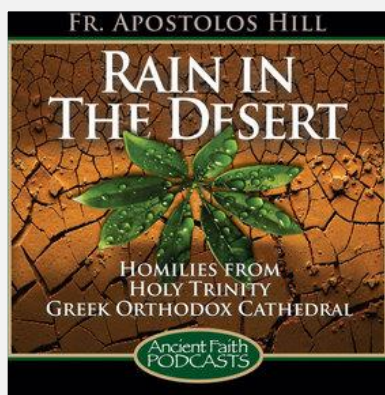
We are very thankful for those 248 individuals and families in our community who have come forward to build our beautiful Educational and Cultural Center. These generous donors have pledged \$3,299,004 of which \$3,011,556 (about 90%) has been paid to date. The monies contributed to OS+OV are used to pay down our mortgage loan. Reducing the mortgage helps eliminate the amount of annual interest we pay and reduces the burden we will pass on to future generations.

If you are in a position to give above and beyond your Stewardship commitment, please consider initiating or increasing your pledge to this program. In addition to the typical monetary gifts, we have also received gifts in the form of stocks and real property. By donating assets held more than a year and worth more than their original cost, you can avoid paying capital gain taxes. This is a tax efficient way to help the Cathedral. For those over the age of 70 1/2, a portion of your IRA mandatory distribution may be given directly to a charitable institution, such as Holy Trinity, to avoid income tax on that distribution.

In addition to OS+OV, we also have the Holy Trinity Endowment program. Nineteen forward-thinking families have in years past donated \$520,000 to Holy Trinity's Endowment program. These accounts have grown to \$891,000. The growth and earnings (over \$371,000) from these Endowment accounts have been used by the Cathedral to fund ministries, pay operating expenses, and reduce the mortgage loan debt from \$995,000.00 to \$688,000.00.

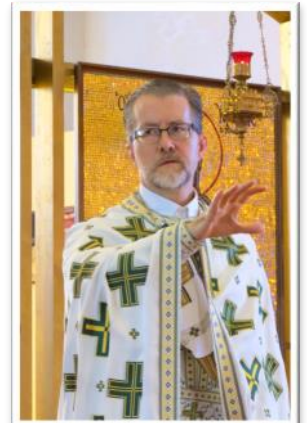
Holy Trinity parishioners have for years expressed their Love for God through his Church, by, among other things, their financial sacrifices. Please join with those who have put their legacy in Holy Trinity Cathedral's past accomplishments and witness the Joy of giving. Help us reduce, and ultimately eliminate the mortgage loan by giving to OS+OV. Also, please help provide a steady stream of future earnings to the Cathedral, by participating in the Holy Trinity Endowment program with your donation of cash, stocks, or real estate.

If you can give above and beyond your annual Stewardship pledge, please call:
Charlie DeMoss @ 480-419-2007
for more information about the OS+OV or Holy Trinity Endowment programs.



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.



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Taking the Oath of Office
January 21, 2018

Blessing of the Water

January 5, 2018



Photos by Rita Zakher

The **Blessing of the Water** is held on the eve of the feast of the Theophany (January 5).

Meatfare Sunday Lunch

Sponsored by the Parish Council

February 11, 2018
After Divine Liturgy
Speros Center

\$10 per plate

Lost & Found

There are a lot of items in the Lost & Found!

Think you lost something?

Contact the Church Office for more information.



Videos of Services

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

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

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



Let's Grow Together!

By Juli Pritsos

Did you know that 90-95% of brain growth happens in the first 5 years of a child's life? That's amazing!

The brain is a wonderful and complex malleable organ allowing us to learn and think comprehensive concepts, recognize and express feelings, and have creative thoughts. But how does this happen and why does the brain grow so much and so fast from birth to age five? Simply put, the brain is a relational organ and in order for it to meet its utmost potential it depends on positive and repeated experiences and input. If a child's needs are met with empathy, love, and guidance and nurtured by people with a close connection to them the brain is then housed in a positive place that allows all of the information to come in, process, and with positive reinforcement and repetition – flourish!

At HTA we strive to create and uphold that positive and nurturing environment in the classroom. We realize that when a child comes to school it is generally their first time away from home and that a loving and caring environment is essential for a positive school experience to allow them to learn and grow academically, spiritually and emotionally. We do this by offering a number of ways to learn through interesting and thoughtful sensory experiences, like fine arts and gardening ensuring that each child learns at their own pace and excels to the best of their abilities.

HTA is now enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. I encourage you to schedule a tour and witness what we do and how we do it. I am confident that after your visit you will find our program stimulating and engaging, not to mention, that we practice Orthodoxy every day. It truly is a blessing for Holy Trinity Cathedral to be the home for the only Orthodox parochial school in Arizona. Some would say it's amazing!

During the month of February, HTA will share their program each Sunday by holding Open House during Coffee Hour from 11:30am to 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet our preschool teachers, Mrs. Mercy Alevizos and Mrs. Nicki Tsioutsopoulos. Registration forms will be available.

SAVE THE DATE! *A Toast to the Future* will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 6:30pm to 10pm. I encourage you to save this date as we continue to raise money for our HTA programs. In addition, we are choosing to give back by sharing a portion of our proceeds with long-time Holy Trinity Cathedral and HTA family, the Brian Haugen Family, and bring awareness to Early Onset Alzheimer's disease.



The advertisement features a photograph of a young child with light hair holding a small potted plant. The child is looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a dark blue rectangular box containing white text. The text in the box includes the heading 'Now Enrolling', a paragraph about the school's philosophy on early education, and contact information for enrollment. Below the photograph, the school's logo and name are displayed, along with a quote from Plato.

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

HIA
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Accelerated learning in a nurturing environment
www.HTAphx.org

Now Enrolling

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

Call Today
Scholarships Available
602.248.3881

Vasilopita Cutting

January 7, 2018



Niko Panagiotakopoulos, representing the Dance Program, got the coin—just one week before leaving for the annual Faith, Dance, Fellowship (FDF) competition.



AHEPA Chapter 219

Congratulations to our recent Initiates!

Peter Bilitsis, Nikos Tsioutsias, Paul Valonis, Dimitri Valonis, Cal Raup, and Ted Demeris pictured below with President Mike Salzetti (Far Left) and John Kostaras (Far Right)



AHEPA 219 Events

Awards Night
Thursday, February 18,
2018
6 pm
Holy Trinity Greek
Orthodox Cathedral
James A. Speros
Community Center

Gun Club Event
Sunday, February 20,
2018
2 pm

Membership Info:
Contact
Pete Marudas
602-284-1638

Calling all Parents and HTC Adults!
Drop off the kids (such as at the HOPE &
JOY event at the Speros Center)
and come join us for a fun night out!
Parents of all age levels welcome!

Parents' Night Out
Friday, February 9, 2018
6:00pm until you decide when to leave

George's Kitchen
6102 North 16th Street, Suite 1
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Music Ministry “Notes”

By Terri Alexon, Choir Director

*My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I whom you have delivered.
Psalms 71:23*

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir is pleased to announce the upcoming

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

April 1, 2018

Speros Community Center
Immediately following Liturgy

Ticket sales begin March 4th

Thanks to the Church community for its continued support!

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

1/10/18

Ruth Hotis

May her memory be eternal.

1/17/18

Catherine Skoubes

May her memory be eternal.



Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests



Pita Jungle Uptown

5505 N. 7th Street, Phoenix 85014

(NE corner of 7th Street and Missouri Avenue)

Thursday, February 15th

11:00am



Contact Julie Karoutas at 623-313-8720 or

juliekaroutas@gmail.com to RSVP

by Friday, February 9th.

However, last-minute deciders can be accommodated, so keep Julie’s phone number handy!

As the new Social Director for the Desert Diamonds, contact Julie for any questions or comments.

Bible Study

Please note!



Bible Study resumes on February 7th,
at 10:00am
in the Speros Community Center Lounge.

Epistle Readers

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



Includes photos by Presvytera Denise

Hellenic Historical Museum

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

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

Do you have any that you would like to share? The photos could be the originals—or we can accept scanned photos. Contact Bessie Hotis at bhotis@cox.net for more information.

The museum is open on the first Sunday of the month after Divine Liturgy.

“Who loves ya, baby?”



Telly Savalas posed with some of our dancers and instructors in the airport on the way to FDF back in 1982. Can you name everyone?

Answers on page 11

Narthex Teams Schedule

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GROUP 1

John Siavelis
4th Sunday

GROUP 2

George Venetis
3rd Sunday

GROUP 3

Juli Pritsos
1st Sunday

GROUP 4

Parish Council
2nd & 5th Sundays



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Telly Savalas Photo Answers

From page 10

Back row: (l to r) Maggie Papadopoulos, Louis Marikas, Tony Papadopoulos, Telly Savalas, Tina Bakakos, Kristen Bruskas

Front row: (l to r) Mae Ducas, John Annos
Photo taken by Billy Tavlarides

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



Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

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An organization where membership is an honor & a privilege.

JOIN & ENRICH YOUR LIFE!



January hostesses Bessie Hotis and Georgia Fourlis



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

Vasilopita Auction

January 7, 2018



JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2018

We are the right hand of the Church! We would like you to know that membership to Philoptochos *IS IMPORTANT* for our community, the Archdiocese and Metropolis.

Invitation to Philoptochos:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT: _____

\$15 will be sent to the Archdiocese and \$15 to the Metropolis. **Any amount over \$30 will be retained for our chapter charities and obligations.**

Mail your membership to:

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

Philoptochos Sweetheart Brunch

January 28, 2018



Annual Women-In-Red photo taken at the Sweetheart Brunch.



John Mitchell and his team supplied a generous and delicious brunch,
Pamela Maydanis and her team served tasty mimosas,
Father and Deacon offered a blessing,
President Mary Louise Theodoropoulos emceed the event,
Philoptochos members decorated the Hall, hosted the Brunch, sold the raffle tickets, supplied the desserts
and Nicholas Pestrivas won \$565!

St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

The “Triodion” or the time between the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (four Sundays before Great Lent) to Pascha or Easter Sunday, actually began on January 28 this year. The odes of the Matins always correspond to the theme of the particular feast of that calendar time, so the Triodion odes will refer us to preparing for Great Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Pascha. These odes are rich in their content and very beautiful; do try to be present for as many of the Matins as is possible!

I would like to include a book review or two each month, beginning with the March issue, so please get yours to me by the 15th of the month—just a small paragraph will suffice! A “book review” may also be an explanation of an icon, or review of a CD! The idea is to share with others what we have found to be of special import to us. This sharing is a part of the Ministry of Books and Beyond, and all contributions are greatly appreciated!

February Holy Days:

February 2 – The Presentation of Our Lord: according to the law of Moses, a male child was presented in the tabernacle forty days after its birth with a sacrifice (a lamb or pair of doves) for the purification “from the issue of the mother’s blood.” The purification of a firstborn son also signified redemption for all of God’s creatures, both human and animal. Mary and Joseph obeyed this precept and brought the baby Jesus to the Temple where He was blessed by Simeon and recognized as Savior by the prophetess Anna.

February 10 – 1st Saturday of Souls: there are four “Saturday of Souls”—two before Great Lent, the 1st Saturday of Great Lent, and the Saturday before Pentecost. Orthodox believe that the living have a duty to remember and to pray for the deceased, so at these services a general prayer is offered for specific individuals and for all unknown souls who have no one to pray for them. We are all encouraged to prepare and a small dish of Koliva and to submit a list of first names of our deceased loved ones for the Priest.

February 10 – St. Haralambos the Martyr: the Greek meaning of this name is “shining with joy, happiness.” Many mistranslations of the name exist so that the English names of Harry, Robert, Bobby, and even Clarence (closest to the Greek in meaning) are all used.

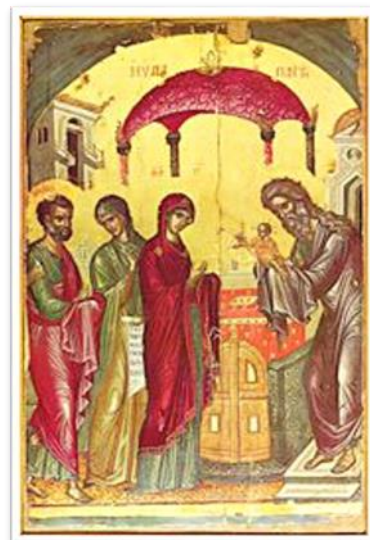
February 17 – St. Theodore the Tyro: the name means “gift of God.” There are many saints named Theodore and I wasn’t able to find much about this one, except that as a Martyr he refused to deny Christ.

February 19 – Great Lent begins, following Forgiveness (also Cheesefare) Sunday. Lent is a time of preparing for the Passion and Pascha. It is a time for penitence, spiritual growth and illumination, fighting against temptation, and fasting. The ‘forty’ days commemorate the forty years of Israel’s wandering in the wilderness and the forty days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by Satan.

Have a very blessed February, and Kali Saracosti!

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



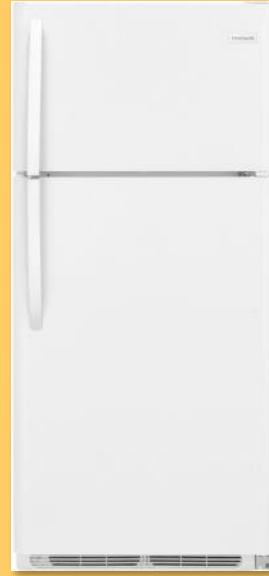
20+ Years of Directors



At FDF in San Francisco this year, current Dance Director Niko Panagiotakopoulos was joined by former directors (l to r) Connie Panagiotakopoulos (1998?-2006), Terri Vaughn (2010-2016) and Dimitra Sampson (2006-2010).

Donation Requested

The Church Office has outgrown its table-top refrigerator and is looking for a small full-sized unit with a freezer compartment large enough to store a bag of ice.



Do you have a used refrigerator in decent condition to donate? Contact the Church Office for more information.

Thank you.

Koinonia, Young Adult Book Club

Daniel A. Valenzuela—602-228-4632, danvalenzuela15@gmail.com

Your 2018 Desert Springs Subscription

Desert Springs Subscription

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Daughters of Penelope

Daughters of Penelope Picnic

Panigiri

Saturday, February 24th 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

1973 East Maryland Ave.

Bring your Picnic Blankets or Reserve a Table!

Kite Flying ~ Inflatable Jumper ~ Dodgeball

Basketball ~ Tavli ~ Cornhole

Lenten Meal

Nacho Bar ~ Pasta Dinner ~ Salad ~ Make your Sundae ~ Frappe

\$20 Adults - \$10 children 4-10

No host Beer & Wine

Fun for All Generations!

For tickets Call (602) 931-5737

Maid of Athena

By Gabriella Papatzimas

The Maids of Athena is an international philanthropic and fraternal organization, and the junior auxiliary to the Daughters of Penelope.

The Maids of Athena strive to achieve the ideals of Athena, as well as promote the Principles of our Order: Sisterhood, Service, Citizenship, Hellenism, Family and Arete.

Here's what the Maids of Athena #158 chapter have accomplished since November:

- In November, 'Aphrodite Irene' doubled their goal and raised \$1,000 for the Alzheimer's Association while walking to raise awareness.

- In November, our chapter (with the help of the Dance Group) tied 40 no-sew fleece blankets which will be donated to Project Linus. Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need at hospitals, shelters, social service agencies or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

- The Maids of Athena are now raising money by selling bracelets for \$5 each. Proceeds from these bracelets go to the St. Basil's Academy, which is a national not-for-profit philanthropic center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Saint Basil's Academy provides love, shelter, food, education, protection and a home for orphans, children of chronically ill or destitute parents, or children from broken homes. If you are interested in purchasing a bracelet, we will be selling them during Coffee Hour, or reach out to our president, Gabriella Papatzimas (bella92@cox.net).

Join Us! Are you between the ages of 14 and 28 with an interest in Hellenism, education, philanthropy and friendship? Check out the many opportunities the Maids of Athena has in store for you by reaching out to Maids of Athena President, Gabriella Papatzimas at bella92@cox.net.



(above) Maids of Athena sisters are also members of the Dance Program. FDF Opening Ceremonies



(left) The Maids of Athena Aphrodite Irene with newly initiated member Alex Sampson.



(right) 3rd annual Christmas Party with Aphrodite Irene.



(left) 3rd annual Christmas Party with Aphrodite Irene decorating Christmas Cookies.

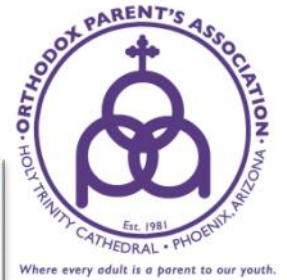


(right) 3rd annual Christmas Party with Aphrodite Irene featuring a white elephant exchange.

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President

OPA started a new year with an OPA Family Night event on Friday, January 19th. It was a great turnout as many families came together in a Paraklesis service with Father Apostolos in the Chapel followed by fellowship in the Speros Community Center.



In February, our Jr. and Sr. GOYA will be serving in our local community by helping 4-7 year old children with special needs in a baseball game at the Miracle League AZ ballpark. Our Sunday school teacher and Youth Adviser, Evan, is definitely ready for our Sr. GOYA's teenage conversations. Evan is also leading the Hope and Joy (K-5) activity. Our parents are certainly looking forward to the next Parents Night Out to catch-up and fellowship with one another. Please follow our weekly newsletter for time and place for each event.

Congratulations to our dancers who participated in the FDF, Faith Dance Fellowship, in San Francisco over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend and won many awards. Huge thanks to our Dance Director, Nikos Panagiotakopoulos, for his patience and leadership, to our dancers for their tireless practice and perseverance, to our parents for their support. Bravos!

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.” Psalm 150:4

May God continues to grant us the abilities to nurture, teach and love our children in His Way.

Upcoming Little Lambs Event

Sunday, February 4

For more info contact Angela at 913-638-5991 or angelagarozzo@gmail.com

Sr. GOYA Round Table

with Evan

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
at 6:00pm
Meet in the GOYA room

Any questions, please contact
Evan: etsagaris89@gmail.com

HOPE & JOY's

Activity Night

Friday, February 9, 2018
from 6:00-8:30pm

Meet at the Holy Trinity's Speros Center's Large Hall (Parents feel free to drop off your HOPE & JOY kids for this event)

For more information, contact Evan at etsagaris89@gmail.com

Jr. & Sr. GOYA Volunteering

Saturday, February 10, 2018 9:00-10:00am

Help assist 4-7 year old special needs kids at the ball park.

Meet at 8:40am at
[Miracle League AZ](#)

11130 East Cholla Street, Scottsdale, AZ

RSVP to Jacque Petroulakis: cpetroulakis@cox.net

FDF 2018

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Dance Director



Holy Trinity Dance Groups Bring Home Three Awards from 2018 FDF

by Peter Vardalos

Congratulations to the Holy Trinity Dance groups and directors for bringing home several awards from the 42nd Annual Greek Orthodox Folk Dance and Choral Festival, also known as the Faith Dance Fellowship (FDF). Held in the home of our beloved Metropolis in San Francisco on January 11-14, the Holy Trinity Dance groups were honored with:

Omilos (4th through 7th grades) — Founder's Special Achievement Award in the Junior Category, Division II.

Thiela (8th grade and older) — Costume Award in the Advanced Intermediate Category, Division I.

Thiela — Third place in the Advanced Intermediate Category, Division I.

“Thank you to all of the parents who supported our dancers from the first practice through dress rehearsals and two days of dance competition in San Francisco,” noted Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Dance Director. “We should all be very proud of the accomplishments of both groups as they worked very hard and performed beautifully for the FDF judges and audience.”

Niko was assisted by fellow dance directors Haroula Kyriacou and Gabriella Papatzimas for Thiela. Serving as dance directors for Omilos were Tasso Annos and Ted Kyriacou.

“It is very exciting for both groups to come home with a medal from FDF,” added Sandy Annos, costume director. “Thank you to the dance directors for sharing their love and passion for our Greek culture, heritage and dance with our children and young adults.”

A big thank you also goes to all the parents and yiayias who helped with costume sewing and embroidery. Their efforts were a major reason for us bringing home a coveted costume award, added Sandy.

Be sure to congratulate the dancers and directors when you see them.

FDF in 2019 will again return to President's Day weekend in February. A location will be announced soon.

Soup & Salad Dress Rehearsal



FDF 2018 Photo Variety



Photos submitted by various Dance families and lifted from Facebook pages

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:

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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
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4 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Linaris Memorial Karageorge-Fakonas Memorial	5 JA	6	7 10am – Bible Study (Lounge) JA 5pm-7pm – Greek School 6pm - HTA Board Meeting 6pm - Sr. GOYA Youth Forum 8pm – OCF at ASU	8 6pm – PC Meeting (Conference Room)	9 6:00pm- Youth & Young Adult Paraklesis 5pm – Goard Wedding Set up 6:00pm – Hope & Joy Activity Night (SH) 6:00pm – Parents Night Out (George’s Kitchen)	10 ST. HARALAMBOS 1st SATURDAY OF THE SOULS 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy 3pm- Alexapoulos Baptism 2:00pm - Goard Wedding (CC/Patio)
11 JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE) 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Only 40 Day Memorials Hotis 40 Day Memorial Meatfare Lunch \$10 1pm – Scopelianos Baptism	12 JA	13	14 10am – Bible Study (Lounge) 5pm-7pm – Greek School 8pm – OCF at ASU	15 11am Desert Diamonds off property 2pm- AHEPA Kitchen Use 6pm – AHEPA Awards Night (SH)	16 6:00pm- Youth & Young Adult Paraklesis 5pm – Mastorakos Wedding Set up	17 ST. THEODORE 2nd SATURDAY OF THE SOULS 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy 4:30pm -Mastorakos Wedding (CC)
18 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE) 8am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Only 40 Day Memorials 7pm - Forgiveness Vespers	19 CLEAN MONDAY PRESIDENT’S DAY NO HTA 6pm - Compline	20 6pm - Compline	21 10am – Bible Study (Lounge/TBD) 5pm-7pm – Cultural Greek School (Ed Bldg.) 5:30pm – 9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy	22 6pm - Compline	23 7pm – 1st Akathist (Cathedral) 8pm-Catechism	24 3rd SATURDAY OF THE SOULS 8am – Matins 9am – Liturgy 3pm - 8pm - Daughters of Penelope Picnic (CC Patio)
25 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 8:00am – Matins 9:30am – Liturgy Icon Procession – No Sunday School No Memorials 6pm - Pan-Orthodox Vespers (Assumption)	26 Clergy Syndesmos Meeting (CC Breakfast/ Lunch) 6pm – Compline	27	28 HTA Field Trip 10am – Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30pm – 9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy 5pm-7pm – Greek School (Ed Bldg.)	Calendar is subject to change.		