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Message from Father Apostolos

Our Parish Outreach Arm



Of the many joys that come my way through the course of a week, the most life-giving occurs every Wednesday morning throughout the school year at the weekly Chapel service for the children of our Holy Trinity Academy. The exuberance and energy of our little ones is a more potent pick-me-up than any double-shot espresso!

Each little one is eager to share with me their latest achievement, a birthday party, a trip to the park or zoo, even a new baby brother or sister. We sit together on the steps of the Altar and chat about their studies and what they are learning under the steady guidance of the dedicated HTA staff before rising to sing and say morning prayers together.

And among the many festive gatherings in the Holiday season now ending, the most joyous for me was two-fold; the annual Academy Christmas Pageant and, more notably, the reception into the fold of another mother and daughter who embraced the Orthodox faith through the ministry of HTA. I say 'another' since this joyful reception is by no means the first, nor will it be the last.

Holy Scripture reminds us to "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Many of our Academy students through the years have not come from Orthodox Christian families but from those who perceive the educational value which HTA offers. And not a few have embraced Holy Orthodoxy as they have seen their little ones' hearts and souls flower along with their minds.

The evidence of our Academy's reach was made plain as the Speros Center began to fill up on the evening of the Christmas Pageant. Easily the largest Holiday crowd we've yet seen, the assembled came from many backgrounds but all united in their support of the Academy's educational and spiritual mission to awaken the children's minds and hearts to the glory of God, the fruitfulness of which we see as new souls are added to the parish year by year.

Our Holy Trinity Academy, quietly but effectively discharging her sacred mission, is among the most dynamic ministries offered at Holy Trinity Cathedral. It is, plainly stated, the most effective Outreach Ministry on our campus! Please enjoy the photo collage of the Academy's Christmas celebration on page 13 and join me in supporting this worthy and God-pleasing parish ministry in the year ahead.



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

From Juli Pritsos, Holy Trinity Academy Director:

Did you know that over the years HTA has brought in over 15 adults and children into the fold of Orthodoxy? Our newest converts are AnnaMarie Nieblas and her daughter Juliza. Chrismated on December 18, it was my joy and privilege to become their Nouna. Not only do these families come to church, but most are involved in other ministries of Holy Trinity including Sunday School, youth ministries, and dance.

There can be no greater gift or job a Steward can do than to be fishers of men and bring new people in the fold of Orthodoxy. It is HTA's honor to be such a special conduit in teaching the life of Christ and sharing it with others.

Stewardship 2019

By Sandy Meris

Educate - Participate - Elevate

STEWARDS OF THE FAITH: *All Things are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ*

HAPPY NEW YEAR! BLESSED 2019!

With a new year upon us it is important to take time to pause and reflect on the past while looking toward the future. Hopefully, Holy Trinity plays a central role in both.

First, let us thank you. It is with deep gratitude that we thank all of our parishioners for your ongoing generosity and dedication to our beloved Cathedral. It is because of your participation, attendance, dedication and commitment that makes our church the vibrant community that it is.

Your Stewardship commitment, including your attendance in church and participation in the ministries, is so important. And we are grateful to each and every one of you. As we set our commitments for 2019, let us again focus on the Church playing a central role.

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in your 2019 Stewardship Pledge Card and to the nearly 200 people who attended the Stewardship Gratitude Luncheon on December 9th. Coming together as a Church family in fellowship is one of the most important displays of our Stewardship.

If you haven't already done so, please fill out and turn in your completed 2019 Pledge Card. You can always do so on the Church website at www.holytrinityphx.org. Simply click on "Stewardship" in the upper right-hand corner. Then click on "Pledge Card." Fill out your information and click "Submit" at the bottom. Then either opt for WeShare's online giving plan or choose to fulfill your pledge by check or cash. It's that simple to become a current Steward.

Either way you do it, we are grateful for you! May God continue to bless our beloved Cathedral family and may 2019 be a beautiful year for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral!



“Youngsters” Over 70½ Get a Tax Break

IRA owners over 70½ can make TAX FREE charitable contributions to Holy Trinity Cathedral.

You can contribute up to \$100,000 of your required minimum distribution (RMD), but the funds must be transferred directly from your IRA to Holy Trinity.

Simply ask the institution holding your IRA to issue a check from your IRA to the Church.

You can do this easier by having a checking account attached to your IRA. With a checking account on your IRA, you simply write checks to the Church during the year for your donations.

Please call the Church Office with any questions at 602-264-7863.

Bequest Language

A bequest is a provision in your will or living trust that directs a portion of your estate to a named person or charity such as **Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity** (our Cathedral’s legal name). You may bequeath a specific asset, a dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after all other gifts have been distributed.

You may choose how the funds from your bequest gift will be utilized by the Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity. The following is *suggested testamentary language* depending on the type of gift you desire:

Unrestricted Gift

“... (specific assets, specific amount, percentage or remainder of estate) to the Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity, an Arizona non-profit corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, to be used as determined by the Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity Endowment Investment Committee.”

Restricted Gift

“... (specific assets, specific amount, percentage or remainder of estate) to the Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity, an Arizona non-profit corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, to benefit the _____ at the Phoenix Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity. These monies shall be used for _____.”

Endowment Gift

“... (specific assets, specific amount, percentage or remainder of estate) to the Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity, an Arizona non-profit corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, to benefit the _____ at the Phoenix Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity. Payouts declared from the endowment fund shall be used for _____. The endowment fund will be managed by the Greek Orthodox Church—Holy Trinity Endowment Investment Committee in accordance with their investment policies as established from time to time.”

To ensure that your exact intentions are carried out, we strongly recommend that you consult with your attorney and a member of our planned giving staff when preparing your estate documents.

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 **Philoptochos** for sponsoring Coffee Hour in December.

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

Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, December 2, 2018



Father's Talk with the Children

Sunday, December 9, 2018



Stewardship Luncheon

Sunday, December 9, 2018

John Mitchell and his team prepared and served a delicious lunch that was sponsored by the Parish Council and **free** to our community.



Royal Hours of Christmas and the Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil

December 24, 2018



December Chanting

Including Seminarian Student Alexander Eliades



(above) Alexander Eliades, George Duvall, and Daniel Valenzuela on December 24th. (right) With Mary, Elizabeth, and Joshua Pardhe.

Sunday School and Choir Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 16, 2018



Includes photos by Presvytera Denise, Eva Goodman, TeAnn Philippos, and Marie Spanos

Our Community's Generosity



390 pounds of food, cash, and a packed box of new socks donated by our parishioners and collected by Philoptochos went to St. Mary's Food Bank and a local shelter. The Giving Tree in the Narthex (as shown on the cover) loaded with cash and gift cards also donated by our parishioners and collected by the Parish Council went to UMOM.



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.

Circle of Angels

Please let Philoptochos' **Circle of Angels** know of any parishioners who are ill, recovering, 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 December Hostesses: the Philoptochos Board!



JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 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 2019, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

December Meeting and Gift Exchange

December 6, 2018



Annual Bake Sale

Sunday, December 9 & 16, 2018





Agape Ball 2018

Arizona Philoptochos Presents
Our Tenth Annual Glendi
Supporting
Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Holy Trinity Cathedral

1973 E Maryland Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Cocktails & Appetizers - 6:30pm

Buffet & Dancing - 7:30 pm

Cocktail Attire ~ Black Tie Optional

\$45

Featuring Homemade Greek Specialties Including:
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For reservations or Information Contact:

Mary Louise Theodoropoulos: 602 943-5080

or Alex Anagnopoulos: 602 738-6053

Greek & American Music

By DJ

Nick Bafaloukas

Greek Dancers

Live Cocktail Hour

Entertainment by

Bill Ypsilanti

Silent Auction

50/50 Raffle

Give your heart to a child!

Holy Trinity Academy

By Juli Pritsos

Today Is A Gift



As we bring 2018 to a close I wanted to share with you HTA's message of the season that was shared at their **Christmas Choral Pageant** on December 20th. We were blessed to host over 100 friends and family at this year's pageant and hope you enjoy the message not only meant for the season of Christ's birth but for our entire season of life:

Christmas is a season for reflection on the past, hope for the future, and for some of us, albeit reluctantly, acceptance of the present. I know that all of you have heard the saying, "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift, that's why we call it the present." For some of us it is hard to live in the present because we are so focused on the future. Our to-do lists. I know that I am one of those people. Yet each day I come to work and see your children and how they live each to their very fullest in the present. They could care less about what happened yesterday and they have no reason to think about tomorrow. They only care about what is happening right now in the present. And that's the way it should be. While we have many parents here tonight to see their child perform in their very first HTA Christmas pageant, we have a some here to watch their last. While both types of parents are savoring the present moments I know that you are also looking to the future. Which leads me to what we all look for in our children – hope.

In a world of uncertainty where we have so many demands that are put upon us, our children bring us joy, laughter, wonder, and hope. Hope that the world is going to be just fine. It is all part of God's plan and began when He gave us His only begotten Son to save us and ensure everlasting life. As we listen to your children this evening please reflect on their wonderment and how much they have brought to your lives, relish in the present of this evening's performance look to the future in



your child's eyes and know that Jesus is in each and every one of their hearts.

One last thing before we get started. I want to take this time to thank Father Apostolos for his leadership and guidance. I couldn't ask for a better boss and his support of me, HTA, and all of the Littles and their families is something to treasure. I would also like to thank my staff, Mrs. Nicki and Mrs. Yvette for working with me every day and helping me with rehearsals and scheduling to make sure that this performance is the best it can be.

HTA wishes all of you a wonderful and prosperous new year that is filled with joy, love and most of all the magic and wonder of a child.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.



HTA Christmas Choral Pageant

December 20, 2018





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



HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY
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Music Ministry

by Terri Alexon, Director



Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to His holy name.
Psalm 30:4

It was another beautiful Nativity season for the music ministry!

Once again the Cathedral Choir sang with the Sunday School children replete with many carols during their annual presentation of the Nativity story. This year, choir member **Peter Vardalos** opened the pageant by reciting an inspiring introduction to "O Come, Emanuel." At the conclusion, while the children exited, the Choir sang an upbeat version of "Go Tell It on the Mountain" accompanied by **Terry Seretis** on the piano.

On Christmas Eve, the Cathedral Choir was present to sing the responses during Divine Liturgy. This year, Protoypsaltis George Duvall was assisted at the chanter stand by seminary student Alexander Eliades as well as the Byzantine Choir.

To cap off the year and in celebration of the Lord's birth, the Cathedral Choir and their guests gathered at Christo's Ristorante to enjoy a delicious meal together. It was a fun time for all as we look to another rewarding year in the music ministry. And our humble thanks to all the parishioners whose words of encouragement and financial support have blessed our efforts!

Have a Blessed New Year!

Missed the Christmas Pageant or Divine Liturgy? Please subscribe to our **YouTube** channel at **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ**



St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Patsy Harris

St. Nectarios Books and Beyond features many books, particularly with the Holy Bible and the writings of the Holy Fathers and Saints, and for both adults and children. There are books for those new to our faith and for those well-acquainted with Orthodoxy. However, we must move beyond knowing about Christianity into actively participating in the life Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ desires for us. The other items in the bookstore provide the tools we need for worship and the daily life skills needed to follow Him. Please do visit us, and become a more active part of this Ministry. We encourage our parishioners to share their thoughts and ideas with us, so that we may serve you better. We offer our heart-felt prayers that 2019 will bring many new blessings to each of us at Holy Trinity!

It is only proper that we begin a new year with many Holy Days:

January 1st—St. Basil the Great; Circumcision of the Lord: “Basil” means “kingly” and St. Basil is greatly respected in the Orthodox Church for establishing and setting rules for monasticism, formalizing the Divine Liturgy, establishing hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged.

Also January 1st—Christ’s Circumcision is very rich in spiritual context. In submitting to the law of circumcision Our Lord “... wants both to humiliate Himself in His flesh and to mark that He is the fullness and completion of the Old Covenant.” (The Year of Grace of the Lord by a Monk of the Eastern Church)

January 6th—Holy Theophany: after Pascha and Pentecost, this is the greatest Feast of our Church. Commemorating Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan, in this Feast, as the Troparion of the day tells us, “the worship of the Trinity was made manifest” with the voice of God the Father, Christ, the Son in the flesh, and the Holy Spirit in the form of the dove confirming for us Christ’s Divinity and His humanity.

January 7th—St. John the Baptist: the name means “God is gracious.” There are more than fifty saints who bear this name! St. John the Baptist was “sent to prepare the way of the Lord.” He is memorialized several times throughout the year, but especially on this day after Holy Theophany.

January 17th—St. Anthony the Great: although the meaning of the name is uncertain, it is generally held to mean “beyond praise.” St. Anthony the Great (250-356) is renowned as the “Patriarch of Monastic Life.”

January 18th—Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria: Athanasios means ‘immortal.’ St. Athanasios (293-373) was a participant in the Council of Nicaea (325) and Patriarch of Alexandria. Cyril means “lordly.” There are several Cyrils who are saints, but this Cyril is an Egyptian who was a great writer, teacher, and later Patriarch of Alexandria.

January 25th—Gregory the Theologian: the name means “watchful, vigilant.” St. Gregory the Theologian is one of the four great doctors of the Church, who fought against paganism and heresy, became Patriarch of Constantinople and unified the Church so it could withstand all assaults.

January 30th—Three Hierarchs: these three are St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. “Their teaching and their lives constitute very sure standards of ‘orthodoxy’ [and] ...express the Byzantine tradition at its most accessible.” (The Year of Grace of the Lord)

Have a blessed New Year and please visit us soon!

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



St. Nectarios bookstore is open most Sundays after Divine Liturgy. Look for the sign in the courtyard.

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!

Narthex Ministry Expansion

We are looking to expand our Narthex Ministry on Sundays.

Currently, between 5-8 people are in the various spots in the Narthex on any given Sunday. We want to expand the number of monthly volunteers to ***12*** each Sunday.

All twelve will not be in the Narthex—we are hoping to place parishioners in various spots in the Sanctuary and outside.

Interested in joining one of the teams? *We need you!*

Also, if you are a **medical professional** and willing to step forward in an emergency, we ask that you let a Narthex Ministry team member know that you are in attendance and where you are sitting.

Text Kristen Vasilarakos at 602-332-8809 or email at kvasilarakos@cox.net for more information.

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 www.holytrinityphx.org to your favorites!

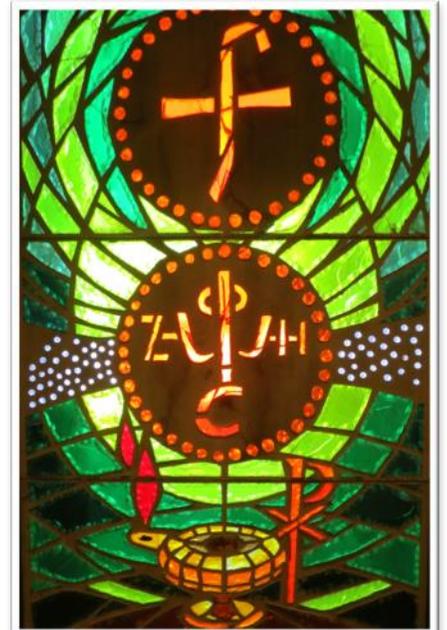
Check out the **Calendar** for the latest updates on all services and events.

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.

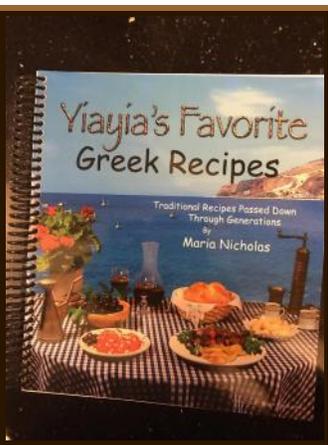
Give the site a try! Go to www.holytrinityphx.org today.



Tell Us Something Good

Thank you to the person adding this wonderful cookbook to the Philoptochos Gift Exchange in December!! Now to attempt successes!

-Sheila Asala



Pick-Up Reminder

Stewardship envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex. Note: envelopes are ordered for those who USE the envelopes, so if you did not use yours last year, they were not ordered for this year. Any questions—or to request envelopes for next year—contact the Church office.



Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests



Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you all well and eager to enjoy the New Year! We're starting off with a January concert at the ASU Kerr Cultural Center in Scottsdale.

On **Wednesday, January 16, 2019, from 9:30-11:30am**, we will be attending "Coffee at the Kerr", the free informal presentations featuring Arizona Opera performers and guest musicians. Feel free to invite a friend.

This month's feature is "La Traviata".

Please note that complimentary coffee and refreshments are served at 9:30am and the concert begins at 10:30am. We will meet at the Center. There is a free-will donation of \$5.00 or a canned food donation. It is not mandatory.

ASU Kerr Cultural Center
6110 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Please call or text Julie Karoutas at 623-313-8720 or Judith Lamond at 703-819-9957 to make your reservation ASAP. You can also email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com
Please leave your name & number of guests.

Warm regards, with Christ's love,
Julie



Desert Diamond's December Post Holiday Lunch

Our Church Family

Baptisms

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



12/9/18

Laurel Coil (Adult)

Parents: James & Madeline Coil

Sponsors: Alexi & Alexia Panagiotakopoulos

God's Blessing be upon her.

12/22/18

Titus Stylianos Chimonas

Parents: Athanasio Orris Chimonas & Anna Chimonas (Petrienko)

Godparents: Nadia & Konstantinos Stoumpos

God's Blessing be upon him.

Chrismation

12/18/18

Anna Marie Nieblas (Mother)

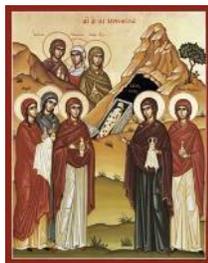
Juliza Marie Cervantes (Daughter)

Godparent/Sponsor: Juli Pritsos

God's Blessing 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



12/29/2018

Pete Zorbas

May his memory be eternal.

Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Furlis

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!

If interested in assisting the Church and Maintenance Committee, please contact Ted Furlis at 602-625-8835 (htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com) or Peter Bilitsis at 602-317-7780 (pkbilitsis@gmail.com.)

We have much more work to do ahead of us, so we could use the help.

We will be having a basement cleanup in January, with a date soon to be announced.

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.
Contact Bessie Hotis 602-953-1913 for more information.

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.



Exciting New Ministries!

Holy Trinity has two reinvigorated social ministries ready for a big jump in 2019:
YAL (Young Adult League) for ages 19-29 and
“YAL2” (as yet unnamed) for ages 30-49

YAL Event

Looking to socialize with other Orthodox young adults?

YAL is open to all aged 19-29.

Sunday, January 20, 2019 after Divine Liturgy

Zipp's Sports Grill
1515 E. Bethany Home Road
Phoenix, AZ 85014



Goals:

- create a database of young Orthodox adults in the Valley through text and social media
- discover interests to build an activity calendar
- continue the connection among our young adults as college, jobs, and travel often take forefront

Text Eliot Staikos at 717-682-0550 for more information.

“YAL2” Event

New to our community?

Already a member, but looking to meet more people?

Holy Trinity is starting a NEW social ministry for single Orthodox adults 30-49. The next gathering will be dinner and games at the Tempe Dave & Buster's on **Thursday, January 24th at 7pm**. Dave & Buster's is located inside Tempe Marketplace at 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway. We will meet in the front lobby next to the concierge desk. For directions, please visit their website at www.daveandbusters.com/locations/tempe



Goals:

- create a database of Orthodox single adults in the Valley through email, text, and social media
- discover interests to build an activity calendar
- continue the connection among our single adults as varied schedules, obligations, and careers sometimes makes it hard to meet up

Interested? Please respond to Nick Papas via text at 313-657-0176 or email at npapas@yahoo.com

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!

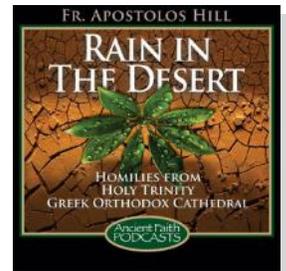
December Readers



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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.



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](#).

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Thursday

January 17,
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6:30pm

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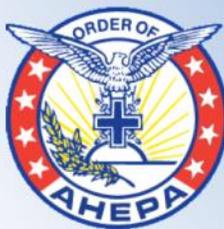
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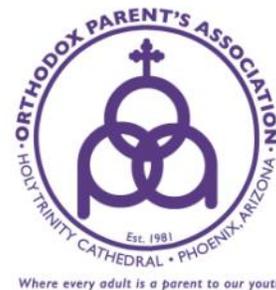
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OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Cindy Kyprianou, President



OPA families had a wonderful Day of Christmas Cheer on December 1st! Our children made gingerbread houses, decorated cookies, and made Christmas crafts. St. Nicholas came to visit, brought goodies, and read a Christmas story. The Jr. & Sr. GOYA later put ornaments on the Christmas tree and helped Father to decorate the Cathedral. It was absolutely a joyous morning!

Thanks to Diana Scaccia for hosting the Jr. & Sr. GOYA Christmas party on Dec. 14th! Our GOYAnS enjoyed a great game night and white elephant gifts exchange together.

In January, Hope & Joy (K-5) will have their first meeting of the year on Friday the 11th, 6-8pm. Our Parents' Happy Hours will be at the same time. Our Jr. & Sr. GOYA are scheduled to help the children with special needs at the Miracle League AZ to play two games of baseball on January 26th, 8:45-11am. Please follow our OPA newsletter for details.



Jr & Sr GOYA Christmas Party

Happy New Year!

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
Palms 20:4



Day of Christmas Cheer

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.



JR & SR GOYA

Come spend a morning helping others!

Saturday, January 26, 2019

8:45-11:00am

at

The Miracle League of AZ

11130 E Cholla St, Scottsdale, AZ 85259

HOPE & JOY

FUN NIGHT

Friday, January 11, 2019

6:00pm-8:00pm

For information, contact

Evan Tsagaris at: etsagaris89@gmail.com

FDF Soup & Salad Luncheon And Dress Rehearsal Show

**Sunday,
January 27, 2019**



OPA Parents' Happy Hour

Friday, January 11, 2019

6:00pm-8:00pm

GOYA Winter Retreat January 18 - 20, 2019

Emmanuel Pines | Prescott, AZ

Registration Fee | \$125 regular | \$150 late (after January 1)

Information | youth@assumptionaz.org

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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.

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