Outside and inside view of one of the many faceted glass windows.
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The 25th of each month

### Sunday Bulletin Deadline
Wednesdays, 12 noon

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A Good Warmup

Distance runners often learn the hard way that a proper warm-up is essential to a successful run. Stretching of muscles and tendons, warming the body, and elevating the heart rate greatly assist in turning what might otherwise be a very painful and sluggish run into an invigorating and enjoyable one.

The same holds true in other athletic disciplines since the more rigorous the activity the more necessary a warmup period is needed to prepare for the exertion. This principle holds equally true as we prepare ourselves this month for the Lenten Spring which will commence in mid-March.

As a boy in the Midwest we learned that the first robin sighting in late winter presaged the arrival of spring. In like manner, the appearance of the Lenten Triodion on February 17th presages the imminent arrival of the Great Fast. The Triodion contains the themes, hymns, and readings which will guide the faithful Orthodox through the Lenten season.

In the Matins services on Sunday mornings, we will notice the shift in tone and character in, for instance, the three hymns which follow the 50th Psalm: "Open to me the Gates of Repentance, O Giver of Life," and those which follow. And the themes of the Sundays which precede the commencement of Great Lent also serve to prepare us for the journey; the Sundays of the Publican and Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, Judgement Sunday, Meat-fare and Cheese-fare Sundays which prompt us to warm-up our spiritual "muscles."

Perhaps the most difficult distance run I ever attempted was the one for which I was least prepared, the dreaded "Zayante Pancake Breakfast 10K" run of 1989. Having already worked the midnight shift at a Monterrey Bay area transport company, I laced up my shoes that Saturday morning with no clue as to what the run would entail. When we left the hard packed trail through the redwoods for the deep sand of the horse trail I grew concerned. And when we began to climb Mt. Hermon on the sandy trail I know I was in way over my head!

But Great Lent need not be like that for us if we make preparations for the climb. Assisted by the Lenten Triodion period, we can put ourselves and our families in a position to gain the maximum advantage from this season of repentance. Reflecting on the weekly themes, following the assigned Bible readings, participating in the Divine Worship services, and scheduling Holy Confession will help us limber up our stiff and achy spiritual muscles.

In practical ways, we can coordinate our personal and professional calendars with the Lenten calendar of the parish, making adjustments as needed to be able to attend and participate in the weekly Lenten services of Monday evening Compline, Wednesday Pre-sancified Divine Liturgy, and Friday evening Salutations to the Virgin Mary.

We have found it helpful to discuss well in advance our Lenten recipes in order to commence the Great Fast confidently and with our meals already scheduled. (The purpose of fasting is, after all, to spend less time and not more time concerned with food!) And selecting a local charity or food bank to support with our Lenten alms helps young Christians participate meaningfully in the Lenten journey.

Our Archdioces website (www.goarch.org) contains many helpful tools and resources. May we run well, each at our own proper pace, the Lenten journey as it arrives, embracing this needful warmup period in the appearance of the Lenten Triodion and the call to repentance this month.

Message from Father Apostolos

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www.goarch.org
Stewardship 2019

Educate – Participate – Elevate

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

Am I a Steward in Good Standing?

We hear these words at different times throughout the year – when a Parish Assembly is approaching or if we want to vote in the Parish Council Elections. But is signing a pledge card and making a contribution to the Church really what it is all about? Actually, no!

Being a good steward is about cultivating and sharing the gifts we have been given by God. From the very youngest to the young-at-heart, everyone has a talent to share that can help the Church. Whether it is sewing, singing, plumbing or painting, the Church needs you! Being a steward in good standing has many different facets. Just like the facets of a diamond shine brightly, when all of our stewards come together to offer their time, talent and treasure, we shine as a parish and as a united family in Christ.

It is easy to stand off to the side and think that “someone else will do it.” The problem is that if I think that, and you think that, and my friends and your friends think that, then the Church suffers. When the tray is passed on Sundays it is symbolic of those first gifts offered to the Lord at his birth – Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. What gift are you offering, and what does it demonstrate about your faith? The Lord said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Stewardship isn’t about calculations and percentages, stewardship is about sacrificing from our gifts. The Lord was sacrificed on the cross. What sacrifice are we making as stewards?

For those who have already signed their pledge card for 2019, thank you! And for those who have not yet pledged their support to Holy Trinity Cathedral, we invite you to be an active part of YOUR Holy Trinity family. For over 85 years, Holy Trinity has been a parish of vision, unity and most importantly, faith. Whether your family has been here for many generations or you are new to the Cathedral, everyone has a voice to be heard, everyone has a gift to share, and everyone is welcome!

The next time you hear the question, “Are you a steward in Good Standing?” think about the depth of those words – not just in dollars, but as a true steward by participating in the Sacramental life of the Church. We hear in the Divine Liturgy, “Let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.” That is our true call to stewardship. Once we truly heed those words in our lives, there is no doubt that we all can be considered Stewards in Good Standing.

In Christ’s Love,

Kristen Bruskas
Stewardship Committee Member

“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.
Thank you for being part of our Holy Trinity Cathedral family!

† There are over 30 ministries and organizations to serve the needs of our congregation, with eight of them offering programs for our youth.

† Our Greek Language and Cultural School offers the Certificate of Attainment in Greek in cooperation with the Greek Ministry of Education. This allows students to receive academic credit for their proficiency in the Greek language.

† Over 150 Liturgical services have been offered over the past 12 months just at our parish, providing many opportunities for prayer and spiritual fulfillment.

† Philoptochos has made over 500 sleeping mats and donated them to homeless shelters.

† Our Sunday School students are actively engaged in the Divine Liturgy by reading the Epistle and singing in the Youth Choir.

† A group of dedicated volunteers feed the homeless every month at UMOM.

There are many more exciting things happening at Holy Trinity Cathedral, and even more opportunities for you to be involved and make a difference.

We hope to see you soon!

www.holytrinityphx.org | 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.

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Stewardship—WeShare

Continue to look for WeShare and this image on the updated www.holytrinityphx.org website to create your online Stewardship profile.

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Coffee Hour

Thank you to Dance for sponsoring Coffee Hour in January.

The February Coffee Hours will be sponsored by Holy Trinity Academy.
Vasilopita Cutting
January 6, 2019

Blessing of the Waters
January 6, 2019
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
Vasilopita Auction
January 6, 2019

Upcoming Event

Annual Philoptochos
VALENTINE CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH,
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY
DON’T WAIT!

Tickets on sale now and on Sunday, February 3, 2019, in
the Speros Community Center following Divine Liturgy.

Agape Ball

Photos by Lois Sakkas
2019 Pan-Orthodox Vespers

2019 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers
Please join our Brothers & Sisters at the last parishes for their Sunday Evening Lenten Vespers services.
All Vespers Services Begin at 6:00pm.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy
March 17, 2019
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
1973 E. Maryland Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-264-4163
Hosni el-TBD

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019
St. Peter & Paul CTA
5614 E. Monroe Vista Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-253-9515
Hosni el-TBD

Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross
March 31, 2019
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
11640 N. 16th Pl
Phoenix, AZ 85020
602-913-0911
Hosni el-TBD

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 7, 2019
St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church
5515 E. Redmont Circle
Mesa, AZ 85215
480-892-6224
Hosni el-TBD

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 14, 2019
St. John the Baptist Romanion Orthodox Church
310 W. Belvedere Dr.
Glendale, AZ 85308
623-562-3130
Hosni el-TBD

Upcoming Safety & Security Event

Safety & Security Session!

You are invited — Narthex Team members and Parishioners.

We are having a special Safety & Security Information Session on March 12 at 7:00pm in our Speros Community Center. We will discuss what safety and security issues we should be aware of. We will also review our Defibrillators and where they are located. For questions, you can contact Socrates Papadopoulos or Paul Katsenes (email pkatsenes@cox.net, cell 602-421-7200)

Narthex Library

Attention Organizations:

Please check the Organization Contacts listings on page 2 of this issue and confirm that the information is correct. Email is the default contact type, but can be changed to texting or telephoning if preferred.

Email any changes to both Diana at AdminAssist@holytrinityphx.org and Kristen at kvasilarakos@cox.net.

It is the organization’s responsibility to inform Diana and Kristen of any updates to their listing.

Thank you!
Desert Springs February 2019

Holy Trinity Academy
By Juli Pritsos

HTA – Accelerated learning in a nurturing environment.

The question has been raised, “Our child is so young, why would we want them to learn at an accelerated rate when they are going to be in school for a long time?” My answer is, “If every part of your child’s needs are met, then why not?” 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 learn and take things in. Factor in a small class-sized environment for early childhood students and for most, the learning can naturally be at an accelerated rate!

HTA strives to create and uphold a positive nurturing environment within our small-sized classrooms. (Our student-teacher ratio is 10:2 – a ratio virtually unheard of when other preschools try to facilitate 20-25 children in a class with the same number of teachers). 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. No matter what, our goal for each child is for them to learn and grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally at their own pace. We do this by employing a creative, educated, and loving staff, along with offering a number of ways to learn through interesting and thoughtful sensory experiences. The extra attention to details in our lesson plans ensure that each child learns and excels to the best of their abilities.

I encourage you to schedule a tour if you are looking for a unique one-of-a-kind learning environment. I am confident that after your visit you will not only find our program stimulating and engaging, but also a caring and nurturing environment for your most beloved treasure.

HTA HOSTING COFFEE HOUR IN FEBRUARY!
HTA is happy to share their program each Sunday. This is a great opportunity to meet our preschool teachers, Yvette Sherman and Nicki Tsoutsopulos, along with HTA parents, and our board members. 2019-2020 registration forms, articles of interest, and FAQs will be available.

SAVE THE DATE!
A Toast to the Future will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 6:30pm to 10pm. I encourage you to save this date as we continue to raise money for HTA programs. In addition, we are choosing to give back by sharing a portion of our proceeds with the Cathedral’s building fund
Music Ministry
by Terri Alexon, Director

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you - I whom you have delivered.
Psalm 71:23

This month, the Cathedral Choir is finishing up a major loft refresh project that includes new LED ceiling lights/fan, fresh paint, carpeting, and storage cabinetry. Also added is a portable Rodgers keyboard in the rehearsal room and a new director's podium and bookcase in the main loft.

On order is a new bulletin board, whiteboard, and door plaques for the Rehearsal Room and Choir Library, which house more than 40 years of sheet music, Liturgy books, recordings, and choir memorabilia!

One of the most interesting additions to the Choir Library is a collection of three pieces of artwork by our Protoypsaltis, George Duvall. These professionally framed pieces feature Byzantine notation, calligraphy, as well as iconography of St. Romanos the Melodist.

All of these loft enhancements and improvements were made possible with two estate donations made directly to the choir—one from Lula Alexon, mother of Evan Alexon, and the other from former choir member, Mary Fraenkel and her husband, Henry.

Last but not least, the Cathedral Choir received an anonymous donation that purchased a new sound system for the Cathedral, which included four speakers, two lavalier microphones, and a state-of-the-art mixer/recording control board. This much-needed sound system was designed and installed by one of our parishioners, Tom Giatron, who works professionally as a sound engineer.

We are grateful to God for those individuals, including choir members, who contributed their time, talent and treasure to make this refresh project happen!

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
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, begins February 17th 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 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! Also, please take a look at some of the new items we have now in preparation for Great Lent and Holy Pascha.

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—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—Triodion begins with Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee. 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.

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

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

Happy New Year to All! Sunday School is in full swing! We started this year with the children staying in the Cathedral to take part in our Epiphany service that gloriously fell on a Sunday this year. Our teachers all made their own Vasilopita to have the children learn about St. Basil and the wonderful tradition that we carry on in his memory. Our preschool/Kindergarteners left their shoes by the door at the beginning of class. At the end of class, the children miraculously found gold coins in their shoes! Thank you, Ms. Pamela Maydanis, for illustrating another tradition in memory of St. Basil.

Our new curriculum is focused this year on the life of Jesus. The curriculum allows many options for the teachers to specialize the lesson that week for their class and age group. It is going well as we are starting another new quarter using the Dig In program.

The 7th/8th graders have been learning about the book of Esther and diving into their bibles that were given to them by Sunday School. The Bible is their main focus along with their curriculum. They will keep these bibles through 12th grade and hopefully the pages will be earmarked and highlighted by the time they graduate high school. Not only are they learning about their Bible, they are also learning about the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. Mrs. Kay Ehrick, Ms. Jacky Walsh, and Ms. Haroula Kyriacou are doing a fabulous job getting all this in the short time they have with your kids!

We can’t tell you enough how we love to see your children in class and love to teach them about our Lord, Jesus Christ, and Orthodoxy. We are so blessed with such a rich faith, not only being Christian but being Orthodox. We have so much to teach them and every week we feel we don’t have enough time. We appreciate the work of the parents that get up Sunday morning (even when you might like to get some extra sleep!) and not only get ready but get your kids ready to come to church and to Sunday School. Many of you drive a great distance to get here. The work is worth it!

With the New Year, we have an exciting new attendance incentive! As we have been doing, we are taking attendance so that we can reward the two students with the best attendance. The 2 students (from 3rd-12th grades) at the end of the year that have exceptional attendance (less than 3 absences) will receive a scholarship to All Saint’s Camp for June 2019!!! Camp is an amazing way to learn about our faith and meet many other Orthodox children from all over the state of Arizona and even some other states. These kids have the opportunity to make life long friends—friendships based on Orthodoxy and Christianity. How great is that?!

For our preschool-2nd grade students, we haven’t forgotten that this age group doesn’t go to camp. We have a different incentive for their exceptional attendance! We will announce it in the next couple weeks in their classrooms.

***FYI!! We will be having Sunday School on February 17th for all those students that are not traveling to California for FDF. We wish our dancers all the best!!!

So Parents, bring your children to Sunday School, we love to see them and miss them when they are not here!!!

God Bless, Kalliopi Schneider and Kay Ehrick
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. **Do you have law enforcement or security experience? Let us know if you can help!**

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.
Desert Diamonds & Friends,

Where does time go? Mark your calendars for our very special post-Valentine's Day Brunch & Concert on Sunday, February 17th, 2019, following Divine Liturgy at 12:00noon. We can enjoy a delicious brunch at the Village Inn Restaurant at 59th Avenue & Thunderbird Road.

The concert is a short distance from there and is free, although you can give a $5.00 free-will offering, which is always a good thing to do. You do not want to miss this very special musical performance!!!

Brunch will be followed by a fantastic concert given by the Arizona Winds Concert Band at 3:00pm. Cactus High School Performing Arts Center, 6330 W. Greenway Road, Glendale, AZ.

Let's have a good turnout and All have a wonderful time. Bring a friend! Group is for "50 years +"

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 and number of guests.

Warm regards, with Christ's love,
Julie

Desert Diamonds at ASU Kerr for La Traviata preview in December.
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

1/20/2019
Zoe Kiriaki Amanathiadis, daughter of Denise & Petros Amanathiadis
God’s Blessings be upon her.

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, February 17, 2019 after Divine Liturgy
Zipp’s Sports Grill
1515 E. Bethany Home Road
Phoenix, AZ 85014

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 at SanTan Brewery (Uptown location) on Thursday, February 21st at 7pm. SanTan Brewery is located at 1525 E. Bethany Home Road. We will meet by the main entrance. For directions, please visit their website at santanbrewing.com/the-brew-pub/.

Interested? Please respond to Nick Papas via text at 313-657-0176 or email at npapas@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.
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!

January Readers

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
Maintenance Corner
By Ted Fourlis

With the holidays behind us, here are projects in process and completed:

The team is currently working on parking lighting solutions to enhance parking lot lighting and security. This is a very challenging issue, but Peter is working diligently to bring the right solutions forward.

- Roof leaks in the Speros Center have been repaired from the massive rains back in October.
- Paul and Dimitri have been busy changing out light bulbs and maintaining our campus.
- We have repaired light ballasts in the women’s restrooms in the Speros Center and the Education Building.
- We are updating outdoor lighting around the Speros Center and the Education Building to enhance lighting and security.
- We are currently working on the south parking lot lights that will not turn off and using unneeded electricity.
- We are still in need of tools, and equipment you no longer need or use.

Attention all HTC ministries: The Maintenance Committee is in the midst of a basement reorganization and clean out project. If you have any items, equipment, documents, furniture, etc., currently stored in the basement, the items will need to be removed or thrown away by Saturday, February 23rd. Please set up an appointment with Diana in the Office to gain access to the basement to retrieve your items. If there are items in the basement currently in use, please reach out to Ted Fourlis at 602-625-8835 or htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com or Peter Bilitsis at 602-317-7780 or pkbilitsis@gmail.com to discuss options. Any and all items left after 2/23 will be disposed of.

We are seeking new members to our maintenance committee. Please call us to discuss how you can help.

Wish List:
- 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'
January was GOYA’s Community Service month! Our youth volunteered at the Miracle League of AZ to help children with special needs in baseball games. Our Jr & Sr GOYAns were there on January 26th to help players warm up, make sure they all get hits, run with them to each base, and of course to score each game.

Next month we have an All Youth evening on Friday, February 8th. Please follow our OPA newsletter for details.

We wish our award winning dancers best of luck and safe travels in FDF Ontario CA!

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**Little Lambs' Pizza Party Play Date**

**THIS Sunday**
February 3, 2019
*after Liturgy, 12:00 noon*
*at Grenada Park*

**Please RSVP to**
Angela (913) 638-5991 or
Melissa (937) 304-5233

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**All Saints Camp: 2019 Staff Applications Now Open!**

Calling all youth workers!
ASC online staff applications must be submitted by March 1, 2019.

**Click HERE to join the team!**

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**All Youth Event**

for

**Hope & Joy** and

**JR & SR GOYA**

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

Prayer service followed by games & crafts for all.

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**SAVE THE DATES:**

March 22-23, 2019

ALL Valley's Lenten Retreat
Youth workshops by Fr. Apostolos & Fr. Jacob
and
Family Wellness Seminar by Fr. Timothy

More details to follow

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**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 cwkyrianou@hotmail.com and we’ll get you added to the list.
Get Your Candles!

Proceeds benefit the Dance Program.

Great scents!
For a good cause!

Available during Coffee Hour or contact Paulina Watson at watsnapoulos@yahoo.com
Our Greek Dance program is 14 days away from FDF 2019 and our groups have been busy practicing for competition.

FDF’s purpose is to engage Greek youth in dancing and choral competition but also to strengthen their Christian faith by attending spiritual workshops and seminars.

This year we are taking 2 groups to FDF. Our youngest group, Omilos, is being directed by Ted Kyriacou, Anna Panagiotakopoulos, Tasso Annos and Haroula Kyriacou. Our oldest group, Thiela, is being directed by Niko Panagiotakopoulos and Gabriella Papatzimas. Preparations are intense, because the dancers attempt to master the choreography akin to specific regions of Greece, and musicians specializing in those are domestic and also brought in from Greece.

Diakonia is a service or ministry for Christ and His church, and that is exactly what the dedicated parishioners within our Metropolis undertake through a Diakonia projects. Every year, each church attending FDF is required to participate in a Diakonia Project. This year, our Dance program partnered with our Philoptohos ladies to make sleeping mats for the homeless. This was done by taking plastic grocery bags, cutting them into squares, tying them together and then knitting them into mats.

If you are interested in helping with the dance program for Festival or FDF, please reach out to Niko. We’re always looking for volunteers to assist with teaching groups, assisting with costumes, helping with coffee hour and putting on dance events/fundraisers.
Greek School
Submitted by Gabriella Papatzimas

Our Greek School program has been hard at work with the start of the new year.

This month in Yia Yia’s Kitchen, each child made their own vasilopita and even better, added their own coin. We taught the children the traditions of cutting the vasilopita and talked about the epiphany.

Our youngest Greek School class taught by Gabriella Papatzimas has been working on the Greek alphabet and learning the ABC song in Greek.

Our oldest Greek School class taught by Irene Mackos has been working on naming different countries around the world in Greek and their poems for 25th of March.

Our program has started preparing for our Greek Independence Day program, which will be on March 24th. If you were previously a Greek School student or teacher, please reach out to Irene Mackos, as we would like to incorporate everyone in our Greek School program.

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AHEPA District 20
Southern California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii

January 24, 2019

Dear AHEPA Supporter,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the “Basile the Comedian” Phoenix performance previously scheduled on February 2, 2019.

This event was co-sponsored by AHEPA Chapters 219 and 454.

AHEPA Chapters 219 & 454 mutually decided to reschedule the performance for the greater good of the community at large. The new date of the performance is June 7, 2019, in conjunction with the 2019 District 20 Convention. The performance will be held at Wild Horse Pass Casino & Resort. However, you do not have to be part of the AHEPA Family to purchase tickets and enjoy the performance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As I stated above, the performance was rescheduled for the greater good of the community at large. There are so many worthy events taking place towards the end of January through the month of February and into March, which are sponsored by the different ministries and organizations associated with the Greek Orthodox Churches here in the Valley. We thought it best to eliminate one option, the Basile performance, so people would have one less choice and the other events would be better attended and supported.

Please forgive us for any confusion and/or inconvenience this may have caused.

We will return all money for tickets purchased for the February 2, 2019 performance.

Our hope is for you to support the “Basile the Comedian” performance on June 7, 2019, time to be determined.

We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing support.

Please contact Pete Marudas or Leo Condos for additional information or to purchase tickets:

- Pete Marudas – 602.284.1638; rosemar2@msn.com
- Leo Condos – 480.980.3395; leocondoshome@yahoo.com

For the Committee, Most Sincerely,

James W. DeDakis
AHEPA District 20 Governor
Congratulatory and Happy Ads!

In each issue, Desert Springs will offer the opportunity for our community to share good news with others! Ads will be a standard 1/8” of a page (horizontal).

This is the place to recognize your family, friends and fellow parishioners for anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, get wells, awards, special accomplishments, good deeds, above-and-beyond volunteering—anything that is positive, endearing and thoughtful.

Cost is $20 per ad for one issue. Photos are acceptable.

Sample Size
Fill out the form and include an optional photo and full payment (cash or check) and drop in the boxes in the Narthex and Church Office or mail to Kristen Vasilarakos c/o Holy Trinity Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, 85016. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral. Or contact Kristen at kvasilarakos@cox.net 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.

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