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Message from Father Apostolos

At Long Last!



At long last, an ordination date has been set for our Cathedral Pastoral Assistant to the Holy Priesthood! Alexander came to us in the spring of 2019 and has done yeoman's work in the parish since he arrived. Particularly evident these last six months, his spiritual gifts have borne much spiritual fruit in our lives.

It had been my hope that his ordination would have taken place here at Holy Trinity, the Altar to which he is being consecrated to serve alongside me. However, it has been deemed more prudent for this to occur in Alexander's childhood parish in Novato, CA to alleviate the need for His Eminence to be put at risk by traveling.

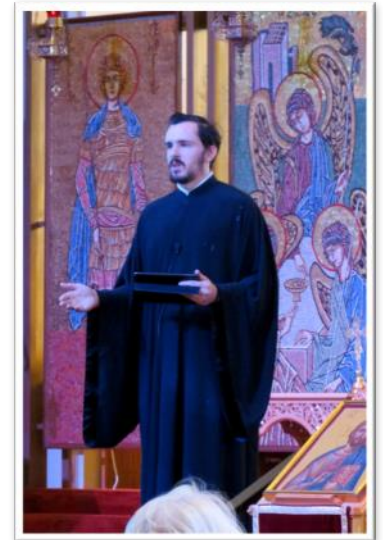
However, the services will be available to view on the weekend of October 17 & 18 from <https://www.nativityofchrist.org/> and the "Services Streaming on Facebook Live" link is on the opening page of the parish website. I

encourage all of us to participate in these blessed events.

Ordinations are but infrequently celebrated, a cause for concern for the Orthodox Christian presence in America today. It is unlikely that many of us have ever had the privilege of witnessing one. In broad strokes, here is what Alexander will experience as he is consecrated to the service of Jesus Christ.

As Metropolitan Gerasimos is being vested for the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Alexander will be vested in a plain white sticharion (from the Big-N-Tall shop!) and will offer His Eminence the pitcher of water and bowl for the ceremonial washing of his hands before the liturgy begins. The towel with which he dries his hands will be placed over Alexander's head before he is led to the icon of Christ.

Here he will stand during the first portion of the liturgy before joining the end of the procession at the Great Entrance. Alexander will now be presented to Metropolitan Gerasimos by the two senior priests with the exclamation "Command!" His Eminence will offer Alexander his exhortations and encouragements and Alexander will offer his own remarks at this time.



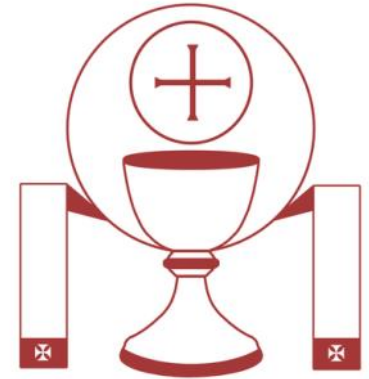
Alexander will be brought into the Altar as the same hymns are sung that we hear at the end of the Orthodox Wedding service; "O Isaiah dance your joy," "O Holy Martyrs who have fought the good fight," and "Glory to you O Christ our God, the Apostles proudest boast" as he is led by the senior priests around the Altar table three times, stooping to venerate Metropolitan Gerasimos' epigonation each time.

Next, Alexander will be vested as a Deacon by the Metropolitan with the exclamation "Axios!" (or "worthy!") as each vestment article is donned. Once vested, Alexander will step onto the solea and for the first time offer the petitions as the Divine Liturgy continues. He will assist the Metropolitan in the offering of the Holy Gifts to the faithful.

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On Sunday, Alexander will be elevated to the office of Presbyter. Note that the "ordination" takes place to the diaconate and the "elevation" to the priesthood, there being but one ordination to Holy Orders and promotions thereafter. He will assist the Metropolitan as his second during the Divine Liturgy through the Great Entrance when the elevation commences.



Much as on Saturday, Alexander is presented to the Metropolitan as a candidate to the priesthood, the same wedding hymns are sung as he is led around the Altar Table, stopping to reverence Metropolitan Gerasimos' epigonation. Then, the clergy in the Altar intone the Thrice Holy Hymn as His Eminence reads this pray over Alexander kneeling at the Altar;

O God without beginning or end, Who are before every created thing, and Who honors with the title of Presbyter those whom You deem worthy to serve the word of Your truth in the divine ministry of this order: You, the same sovereign Master, preserve in purity of life and in unswerving faith this man whom You have been pleased to ordain through me by the laying on of hands, graciously imparting to him the great grace of Your Holy Spirit, making him wholly Your servant, well-pleasing to You in all things, and worthily exercising this great honor of the Priesthood which You conferred upon him by the power of Your wisdom.

Alexander is now vested in priestly garments with the same exclamation of "Axios!" as each article is donned. Once fully vested, he takes his place to the Metropolitan's right until the consecration of the Holy Gifts when the Metropolitan will place into his hands the Body of Christ on the paten with this warning;

"Receive this Divine Trust, and guard it until the Second Coming of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand it of you."

We will have the joy of celebrating Alexander's consecration to the priesthood the following Sunday, October 25th, with a reception on the patio after the Divine Liturgy and plans are being laid to this in the appropriate Holy Trinity Cathedral style!

I am most grateful to our abundantly merciful God and Savior Jesus Christ, the One True High Priest, for the gifts He has bestowed upon Alexander and eagerly await witnessing his pastoral development in the years ahead here in the Cathedral.

Please join with me in praying that He will pour out mercy and wisdom and divine protection on Alexander, Laura, and Maximus as they prepare to step into the life of public ministry.

Axios!

Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean



Seven Sacraments of the Orthodox Church

A Sacrament is a Holy Mystery of the Church, a physical sign which confers invisible Grace. There are seven Great Sacraments in the Orthodox Faith, but there are minor sacraments as well, and everything in the Church can be considered sacramental.



Baptism begins the Christian's life in the Church and unites him to Christ through His Death and Resurrection. Immersion is the preferred method of Baptism in the Orthodox Faith, and infant Baptism is the norm. Children are full members of the Church from their baptism forward.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19



Eucharist, or Communion, is the Sacrament which takes place during the Divine Liturgy and is the central Sacrament of the Orthodox Faith. During the Eucharist the prosphora (bread) and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ through the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. The Orthodox Church practices a closed communion which is available to Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves.

"He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:19-20



Chrismation is the sacrament through which the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon the Christian through anointing with Holy Chrism as it was upon the twelve Disciples at Pentecost through fire.

"...He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." II Corinthians 1:21b-22

Priests and Bishops wear the epitrachelion as a symbol of their priesthood. The seven crosses on an epitrachelion (one on the back and six on the front) represent seven sacraments of the church.



Ordination is the one sacrament which cannot be bestowed by the priest but which is bestowed upon him by the bishop. It sets the person aside for ministry in the Church and God's work. *"And when they had ordained them presbyters in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." Acts 14:23*



Marriage, or Matrimony, is the Sacrament through which a man and a woman are joined forever before God. Mutual salvation and raising children are the goals of a Christian Marriage and the community of the family is to be an image of the Holy Trinity. *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh so they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 15:5-6*



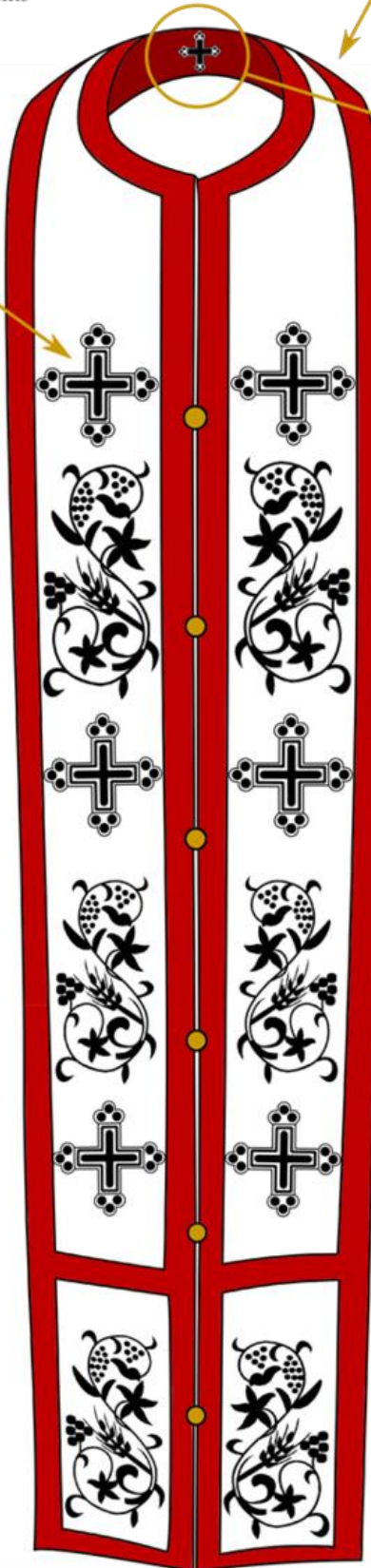
Confession is the Sacrament in which the sins committed after baptism are forgiven and we are reconciled to Christ; it renews the purity of the Christian's Baptism.

Different Orthodox traditions have different requirements as to the proper frequency of confession. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9*



Unction is a Sacrament through which Orthodox Christians receive physical and spiritual healing by being anointed with oil. The service is often performed during Holy Week, but private services for healing may be arranged with the priest.

"...let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" James 5:14-15



Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

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Upcoming Celebration

*Save the date
to celebrate Alexander's Ordination!*

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Details to follow.

New Sunday Sign-In Process!

We are excited to announce the next step in our re-opening process, **we will no longer be requiring a sign-up to attend Liturgy going forward!** The new process will be much simpler: when you arrive on Sunday morning, you will give your name and contact information to the Parish Council member and you will be let in (of course still with a mask and observing all the precautions as before). This information will, as always, not be passed onto anyone, but simply kept in case we learn of a positive test and we will then inform all who attended that day.

No need to sign-up, just come and worship with us!



Celebrant Father Basil

September 27, 2020



Your Support Is Needed



Your support is more important than ever!

The year was 1960 and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was a small, tightly-knit community. Made up of Greek immigrants and their young, growing families, Holy Trinity was established in the Phoenix community and starting to grow and look towards the future. The parishioners wanted to raise money so they could expand their programs and facilities.

Greeks, being naturally hospitable and wonderful cooks, decided to do what they do best - welcome people on the church property with a food Bazaar. The first annual Phoenix Greek Festival was born! Once the parishioners hosted the Phoenix community with their homemade food and Greek dancing in costumes made by hand, the parishioners as well as the Phoenix residents were hooked!

Since then, the Phoenix Greek Festival has grown into one of the Valley's premier cultural festivals in the state. Annually, we host more than 20,000 attendees. Our parishioners volunteer thousands of hours over months of planning and preparations, ordering product, building booths, preparing the church grounds and purchasing equipment. In addition, we cook hundreds of pounds of food from scratch and painstakingly make thousands of desserts, breads and pastries. Our Greek dance groups, made up of 100 of our youth and young adults, practice for months preparing their routines. And then there are the weeks it takes to break down the booths, inventory product, pay the invoices, pick up trash and clean the entire church property when it's over.

This is nothing short of an act of love. A love of our culture, our church and our faith. And as it began in 1960, we are still doing what Greeks do best - opening our church home and hosting the Phoenix community with hospitality.

2020 was to be the 60th anniversary of our festival. Sadly, we have canceled our festival due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Out of love and concern for our parishioners, our volunteers and the general public, this was the only choice we could make.

Holy Trinity relies on the proceeds from our festival to make our budget and pay our bills. Currently, we count on the funds generated by the festival to cover about 40% of our expenses annually. On average the festival nets about \$175,000 per year. Without this income our church will suffer a shortfall. This is where we need your support.

It's not only the general public who will miss the festival this year. We miss out too. We will miss attending our own festival, enjoying the food and dancing. What we may not realize is how much money we spend at our own festival over the course of the weekend. Consider what your family spends on food, drinks, kid-zone tickets, clothing or jewelry. Not to mention the parking and gas. Many of our parishioners sacrifice and take vacation time from work just to volunteer leading up to and during and after the festival.

In order to make up the shortfall our beloved Cathedral will suffer this year, we are asking each of our Holy Trinity families to consider making a substantial contribution, in addition to your annual stewardship.

Let's all continue to work together for the good of the Cathedral and keep the memories and traditions alive through the 60-year tradition of The Phoenix Greek Festival,

With sincere gratitude and with love in Christ,
Your Festival Committee





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GREEK[®]
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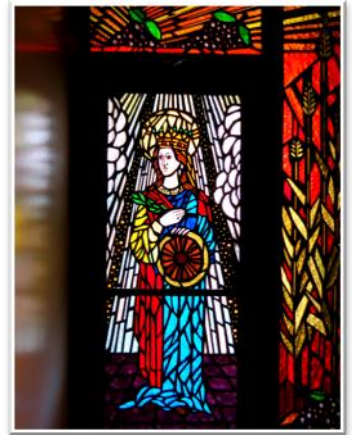
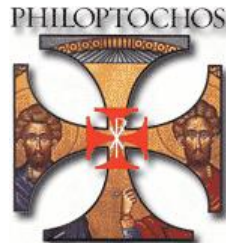
Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

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JOIN & ENRICH YOUR LIFE!



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

The October Meeting is on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

The meeting will be by ZOOM, with the ability to CALL IN BY PHONE if you do not have a computer or do not want to log into the virtual meeting.

If you have questions on HOW to participate, please contact Kristen Vasilarakos at 602-332-8809 as soon as possible.

Interested in participating? Contact Alex Anagnopoulos at 602-738-6053 for more information.

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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 Project

Wow!

Thank you to our generous community!

In addition to the Saturday Drive donors, there were many **not pictured** who donated on Sundays or dropped off or mailed contributions. **We thank you all!**



(above) Many, but not all, of our Saturday Sprouts parking lot volunteers and donors!
(below) Sorting and delivering!



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by Father Apostolos and Alexander until further notice.

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You will receive updates when we are live.

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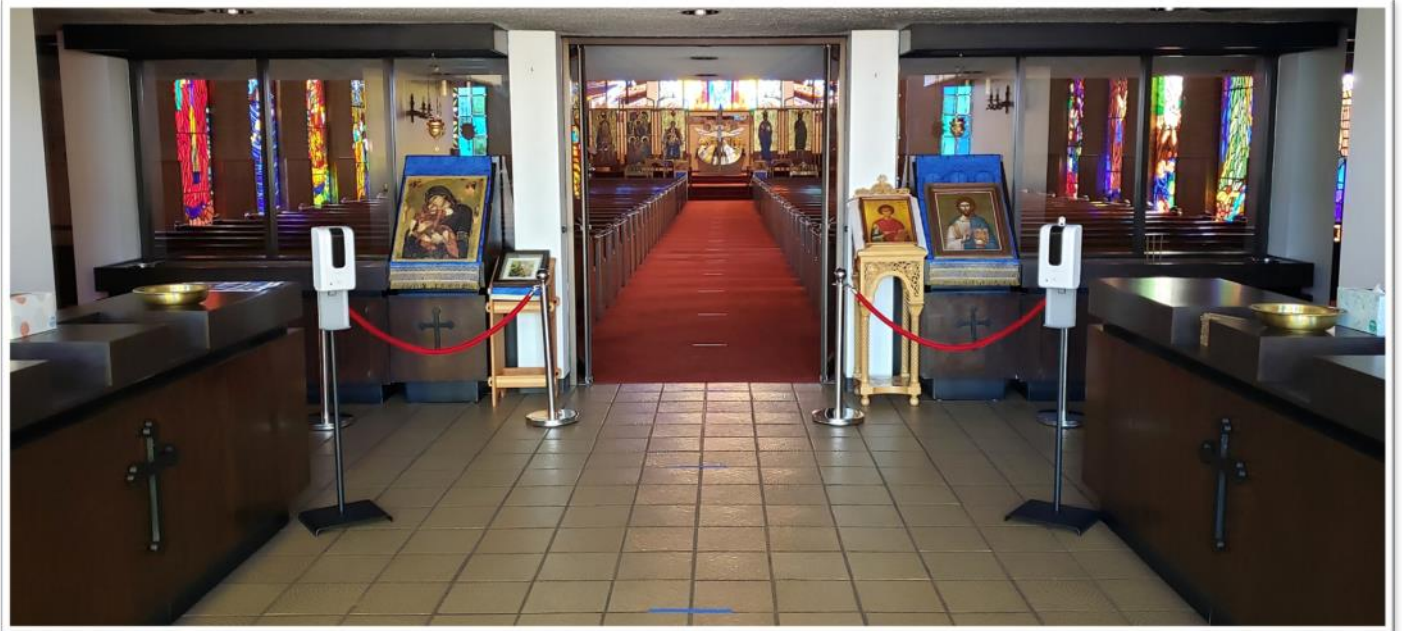


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or the computer-challenged!

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The Holy Trinity Endowment Fund was established in 1992 with an initial deposit of \$2,000. The goal was to build the Endowment Fund whereby the interest and appreciation would one day provide sufficient income so Holy Trinity would no longer be totally dependent on an annual festival to supplement stewardship income.

The Endowment Fund is obligated to preserve the donor's contributions such that the principal will remain inviolate and be held in perpetuity by the Church. The funds are prudently managed by the investment committee, which reports to the Parish Council. The investment committee only approves withdrawals from the earnings and appreciation, over and above the donor's contributions, and are used only to benefit Holy Trinity and its ministries.

Over the course of the past twenty-seven years the committee has held steadfast to this mission, and as a result, generous donors from our Church, desiring to leave a legacy in perpetuity for their family, have made contributions totaling \$562,000.

This is your opportunity to put your lifetime thumbprint in the history of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

We have been blessed by the generosity and foresight of the individuals and families listed below. We benefit today from their kindness and vision. If your circumstances allow you to give a gift above and beyond your annual stewardship commitment, then please take this occasion to join the others in creating a legacy by pledging your gift to Holy Trinity Cathedral's perpetual Endowment Fund. Gifts of \$10,000 or more will be separately listed along with others who have reached that level.

Your gift, no matter the amount will be combined into the general endowment fund, and will be greatly appreciated.

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Endowment Fund

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Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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Nick Maydanis
Pamela Maydanis

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Father on Instagram

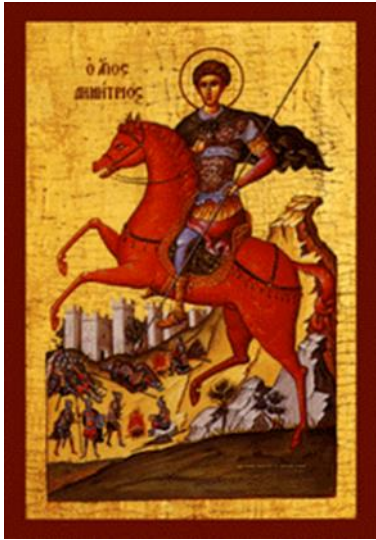


St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Rita Papaspyrou

Holy, Glorious and Great Martyr Demetrius the Outpourer of Myrrh

Commemorated on October 26



He was a native of Thessalonica, born of noble parents. His wisdom and distinction in battle earned him rapid advancement in the service of the Empire: in time he was appointed commander of all the Roman forces in Thessaly, and Proconsul of Hellas.

The main tasks of this young commander were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The emperor Maximian's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply, "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrius he had provided a way for him to lead many people to Christ.

Accepting the appointment, Demetrius returned to Thessalonica and immediately confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and idolatry.

When the emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrius, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian gave orders to lock up the confessor in prison. An angel appeared to him, comforting and encouraging him.

When the emperor came to Thessalonica he appointed games and public sacrifices to celebrate his recent victory over the Scythians. Maximian had brought with him a huge barbarian of tremendous strength named Lyaïos, who fought many men in the arena and defeated them all, to the entertainment of the Emperor and the crowds.

A young Christian named Nestor determined to show the people that the only true strength is in Christ visited Demetrius in his cell and asked for his blessing to challenge Lyaïos to combat. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross over Nestor and sent him to the arena with his blessing. Nestor, a young boy, cried out before the Emperor 'God of Demetrius, help me!' and quickly killed the mighty Lyaïos, to the astonishment of the crowd. The infuriated Emperor had Nestor slain with his own sword, and sent soldiers to Demetrius' cell, where they killed him with their spears. Demetrius' servant, a believer named Lupus, retrieved the body of Demetrius and buried it with honor. He kept the Saint's ring and blood-stained tunic, and through them worked several miracles and healings. When the Emperor heard of this, he had Lupus, too, beheaded.

During the reign of Saint Constantine (306-337), a church was built over the grave of Saint Demetrius. A hundred years later, during the construction of a majestic new church on the old spot, the incorrupt relics of the holy martyr were uncovered. Since the seventh century a miraculous flow of fragrant myrrh, healing many of the sick, has been found beneath the crypt of the Great Martyr Demetrius, so he is called "the Myrrh-gusher."

Several times, those venerating the holy wonderworker tried to bring his holy relics, or a part of them, to Constantinople. Invariably, Saint Demetrius made it clear that he would not permit anyone to remove even a portion of his relics.

For many centuries, St Demetrius has been a patron Saint of Thessalonica.

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

every Sunday

at 10:40am

Join us every Sunday in the Cathedral for a 15-minute Sunday School discussion and lesson with Father Apostolos and Alexander.

They are excited to see all the kids' faces and connect with them!

The focus will be "making connections and building relationships".

All kids who are Sunday School age (Kindergarten through High School) are encouraged to participate.

We look forward to seeing all of our youth on Sunday!



Holy Trinity

Sunday School

is looking for parents and young adults to teach our youth when Sunday School resumes. This is a great opportunity to ensure our youth grow up knowing their Orthodox faith.

If interested, please contact Kalli Schneider:

kalliopischneider@gmail.com



Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director
Gabriella Papatzimas, Teacher



Holy Trinity Greek
&
Heritage School of Phoenix



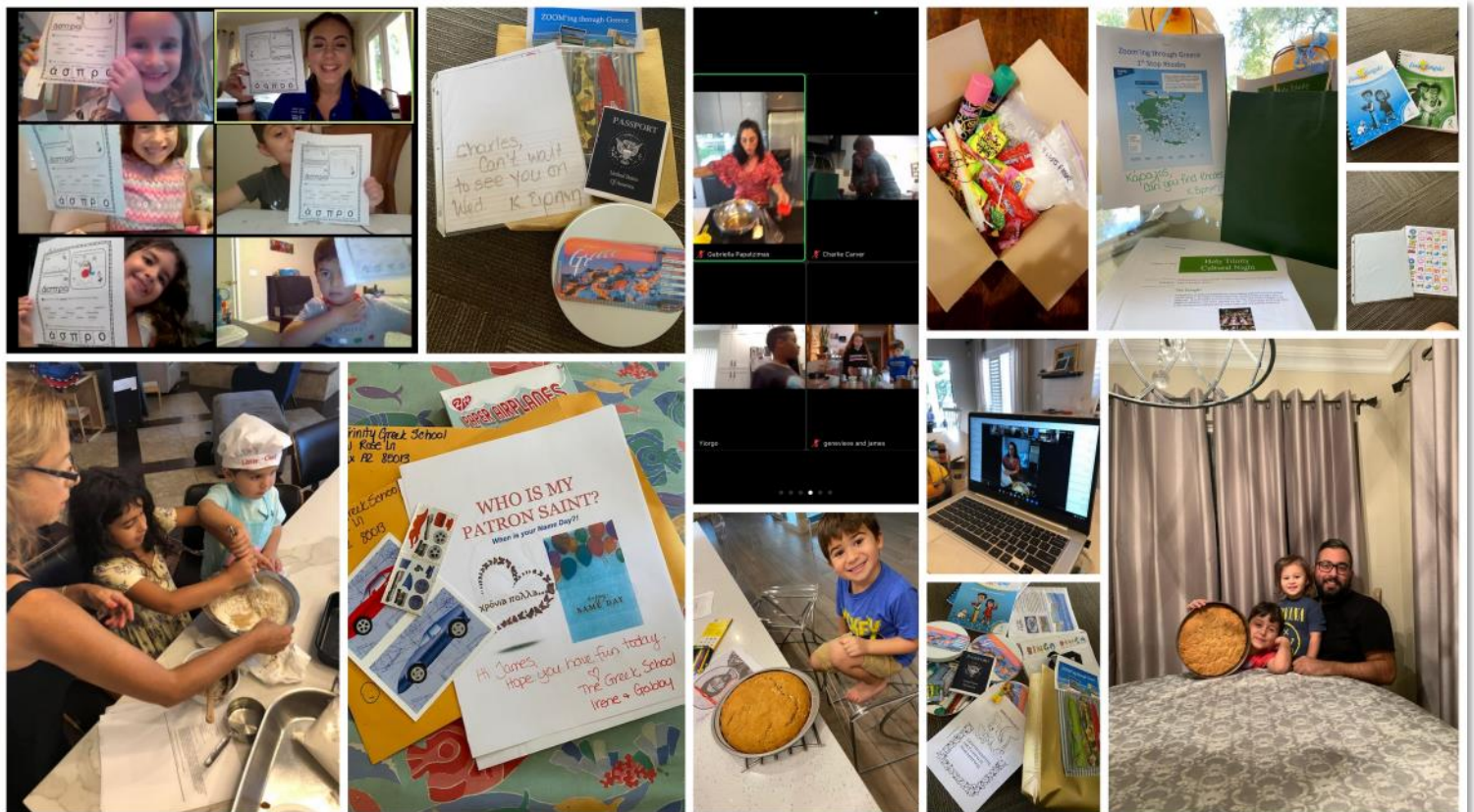
Καλη χρονια means "Have a great year" and our Greek and Cultural School is ZOOM'ing through Greece with exciting lessons and activities.

Our classes started September 9, 2020. Every Wednesday for 1.5 hours students are busy learning their letters, numbers, words, lessons on Greek harvests in September, who is Aesop and Zeuxis, myths about Persophone, Demeter, and Hades, Greek songs and a few art lessons.

September 23, 2020, we kicked off the first Cultural class about Saints and Panigiris. We traveled to the island of Rhodes, learning about our Patron Saint, our Name Days, St. Fanourios, made a Fanouropita, and had our own Panigiri with a little freestyle Greek dance.

Greek School is on to a great start!

In October, we will continue learning about the Dodecanese Islands, OXI day, and traveling to Epirus to make tirosomo.



Our Church Family

Baptisms

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Galatians 3:27



10/19/2020

Grace & Harper Kamboukos
daughters of Nicole & Peter Kamboukos
Godparents: Angela & George Scopelianos
God's Blessings be upon them.

10/20/2020

Georgia Madeleine Marie Stertzbach
Jennifer & Karl Stertzbach
Godmothers: Kally Key & Toni Pandi
God's Blessings be upon her.

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.

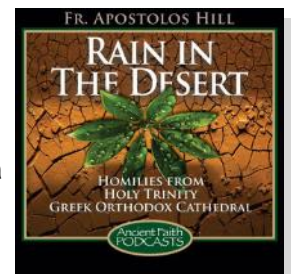


Rain In The Desert

Link to recordings of Father's sermons: <http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/rain>

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Sermons can also be found on the Cathedral website at www.holytrinityphx.org.



Light a Virtual Candle

[Light a Candle](#)



In this time more than ever we need prayer.
For those not able to come to the Cathedral yet,
we have set up this ability to light a candle virtually!

Please click the link above and follow the instructions.
Enter your name and the names of those you wish prayed for
in the PayPal “Notes” section,
and Father Apostolos or Alexander
will light a candle and say a prayer for you.

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners
and their guests



Dear Desert Diamonds
and Friends,

I pray that you are well
and staying safe. Because of the ongoing dangers
of the Coronavirus, the Desert Diamonds events
for September & October have been cancelled.

We will hopefully reconvene in November when
danger of the virus will have passed. We will
gather for lunch at a restaurant with a patio & easy
access to celebrate. Date and location to be
determined by you. Please let me know where
you would like to go. Either email me at
juliekaroutas@gmail.com or call or text at
623.313.8720

In the meantime, enjoy a picture from a past
gathering!

With Christ's love,

Julie Karoutas
email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com
cell: 623-313-8720 call or text



One year ago!
Book signing of *The Village* by artist & author
Magda Gryparis
September 2019

Maintenance Corner

Questions?
Have items to donate?
Want to volunteer your time?



Contact:
Ted Fournalis
Peter Bilitsis
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Maintenance Committee
602-625-8835
htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com

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!



Prayers Requested



*Please keep Father Apostolos in your
prayers as he continues to recover
from eye surgery, he will most likely be unable to
serve again this Sunday. Also please keep
Alexander in your prayers as he prepares for his
ordination.*

AHEPA Chapter 219



OUR NEXT MEETING

PENDING HEALTH DIRECTIVES

Thursday
October 22, 2020
6:00 pm (Earlier Time)

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
JAMES A SPEROS COMMUNITY CENTER
1973 E. MARYLAND AVE.
PHOENIX, AZ

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? CONTACT
STEVE LEMERE
770-990-6825

AHEPA Chapter 219



2020 - 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

**AHEPA 219
EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL
FOUNDATION, INC.**

**AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE:**

AHEPA219.COM

**Application requirements
outlined in the
Scholarship Application.**

SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT:

**Ed Weiss
602-321-4314
ewpwrqlty@gmail.com**

**APPLICATIONS
DUE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24**

SAVE THE DATE
AWARDS LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021
11 AM - 1 PM

May Her Memory Be Eternal

*As I sit in Heaven
and watch you everyday
I try and let you know with signs,
I never went away.*

*I hear you when you're laughing,
and I watch you as you sleep,
I even place my arms around you,
to calm you as you weep.*

*I see you wish the days away,
begging to have me home,
So I try and send you signs,
so you know you're not alone.*

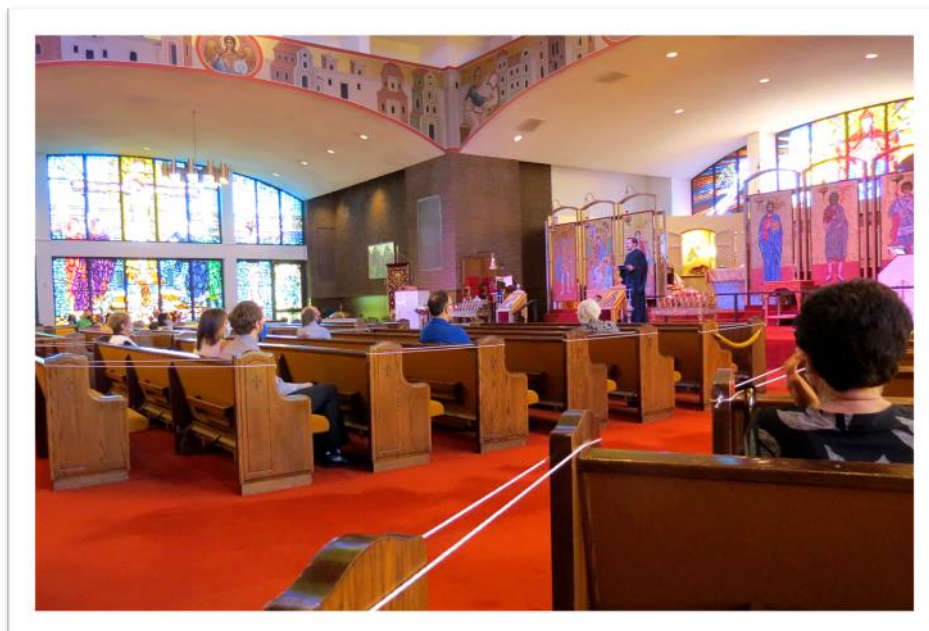
*Don't feel guilty that you have life,
Life that was denied to me,
Heaven is truly beautiful,
just you wait and see!*

*So live your life, laugh again,
enjoy yourself, be free
Then I'll know with
each breath you take,
you'll be taking one for me.*



*In Memory of Tiffani Noelle Bichekas
November 10, 1968 - October 14, 2018*

A Joy to Be Back!



OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Dianna Scaccia, Co-President
Paulina Watson, Co-President



Are you getting the weekly
OPA Newsletter?

OPA communicates primarily through email,
via our email newsletter.

To stay informed on all of the
youth, parent, and family happenings at Holy Trinity,
sign up today.

It's easy, just email your information
cjecomom@gmail.com,
and we'll get you added to list!

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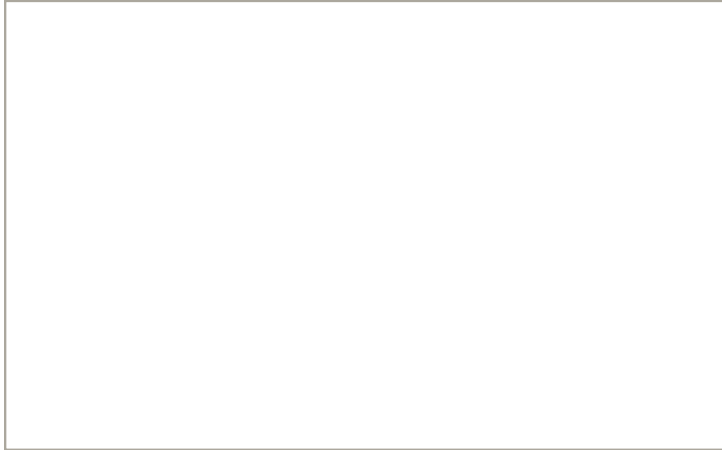


Want to get involved?
The Little Lambs Youth Group
is looking for an energetic parent or young adult
that would like to assist for the
2020-21 Activity Year.

Little Lambs Group = newborns to Kindergarten

If interested, please contact Angela Scopelianos
angelagarozzo@gmail.com or (913) 638-5991

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.

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:

Wording: _____

I understand the staff will design the ad at their discretion and will contact me if content changes are needed. ____ (initial)

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: _____

All Saints Camp Fundraiser

4TH ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY | November 14, 2020

Stonecreek Golf Club

REGISTER NOW



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



1:00 PM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

12:00 pm Check-In

Course located at 4435 E. Paradise Village Pkwy S, Phoenix, AZ 85032

\$125 PER GOLFER

(If paid by Oct 30th | \$150 after deadline)

Bring a full foursome or we can add you to one!



RSVP by OCT 30, 2020

www.assumptionaz.org/ascgolf | 480-991-3009

POINT YOUR PHONE CAMERA AT THE QR CODE
to be taken directly to the registration & payment page



ALL SAINTS CAMP