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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/](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!_
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 broke 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 epitrachilion as a symbol of their priesthood. The seven crosses on an epitrachilion (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 priests and elders in every city, and had prayed with fasting, they committed 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 19:5-6

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 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
Please send in your contribution by October 30, 2020.

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Please return your commitment form to:
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Attn Greek Festival | 1973 E Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016
For more information contact the Church Office at 602-264-7863

Thank you for your support!
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.

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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

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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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You will receive updates when we are live.

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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.

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

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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 Lyaios, 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 Lyaios 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 Lyaios, 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.
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
Καλή χρονιά 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 tiropsomo.
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
Sermons can also be found on the Cathedral website at
www.holytrinityphx.org.

Light a Virtual 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 Fourlis
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 Admin Assist @ holytrinity phx.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.

Desert Spring October 2020
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
2020 - 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
AHEPA219.COM

Application requirements outlined in the Scholarship Application.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT:
Ed Weiss
602-321-4314
ewpwrqy@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

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.
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