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Message from Father Apostolos

Who Knew A Year Could Be So Scary?



My favorite daily comic strip... and, yes, I have a favorite... is the brilliant "Pearls Before Swine" strip penned by Stephen Pastis. A recent strip featured children visiting a neighbor for tricks-or-treats in their classic costumes until mouse and pig, two principal characters in the strip, appear at the neighbor's door wearing a 12-month calendar tableau titled "2020."

The neighbor screams "*Aaahhhhhh!!*" as he retreats into his home. In the final frame mouse asks pig "*Who knew a year could be so scary?*" To this pig replies, "*It was sad when he cried.*" Who knew indeed!

Denise and I were previewing Christmas ornaments recently when she spotted one she liked but which was emblazoned with the year "2020" which prompted me to ask "Are we sure we want to bring that into the house?" We agreed that we could buy the ornament but scratch out the offending numerals.

Clearly, this is and has been a challenging year for our nation and for our community. The COVID crisis, lingering well beyond the point we imagined it might, now serves as a backdrop for a parade of other crises. We can be excused for feeling worn down and insecure, echoing mouse's question "who knew a year could be so scary?" Few of the expectations we carried hopefully into 2020 made it unscathed past mid-March.

Crises of this magnitude have a tremendous revelatory effect; bringing to the surface what lies within. For some, these disruptions catalyzed blame and bitterness while in others, humility and prayerfulness. Crises act as accelerants, launching us in the direction we are already facing, whether toward light or darkness, unity or division.

Acting as a stress test, crises reveal which aspects of ourselves and our societies are broken and require amendment. So long as the normal placid order of our lives remained unchallenged, we had no need to address areas of weakness. What is the depth of my faith in God? How robust are my relationships? My marriage? How mature is my interior life of prayer? How connected am I to my home parish?

Even deeper and more existential musings rise to the surface; Am I living a life consistent with my values? My upbringing? With my Orthodox Christian Faith? Or, Am I being prodded down the cattle chute by assumptions and choices I never made for myself? Whose life is this anyway? Crises offer the wise an opportunity to reassess and reevaluate these all-important questions.

Periods of uncertainty and insecurity can be useful if our certainties and securities are misplaced. Holy Scripture reminds us; "*put not your trust in princes, in the sons of man in whom there is no salvation,*" and "*some boast of chariots and horses but we boast in the Name of our God; they will collapse and fall but we will rise and stand for good,*" and "*lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust corrupt and where thieves break in and steal.*"

Our Orthodoxy Christian Faith instructs us that the only secure foundation upon which solidity is to be found is on the "Chief Cornerstone," Jesus Christ. "*Whoever hears these words of mine and acts upon them will be as a man who builds his house upon a rock.*" We need not look far into our own family narratives to discover inspiring moments of trials overcome through the resilient faith that is only forged in the fires of adversity.

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The weeks ahead will make clear for each of us the true condition of our life's foundations, whether on the shifting sands of a predictable social order or the solid Rock of Jesus Christ. Our fealty to Christ's Holy Church will continue to be tested, whether characterized as "Out of sight, out of mind," or by "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." whether predicated upon our political viewpoints or proceeding from humility, obedience, and repentance.

At the end of this month we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, albeit without the Black Friday exuberance which, of late, has overshadowed it as national retailers scale back their customary projections. It is helpful to recall from our school days that the Pilgrims offered thanks only after undergoing their own period tremendous loss with the aid of the people upon whose land they were welcomed as immigrants.

We have much to be grateful for, even in these trying times. Life, somehow, carried on as we acclimated ourselves to new daily challenges. New skills have been learned, new insights gained. New blessings have been discovered, hiding in plain sight but long overlooked, for which we can be grateful. As a parish family, we can be grateful for the strength and wisdom of our Cathedral community. Time-tested and battle-hardened, it will take much more than a virus and wrenching socio-political upheavals to dislodge us from our faith! This is not "our first rodeo!"

The landscape we will inhabit after these storms have passed will be different than that which seemed so stable 11 months ago. But it will be whatever we, guided by our love for Jesus Christ and for each other, are willing to work to create together. With the Psalmist, we can and ought to sing "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?"

May we rest secure in the bosom of Christ's Holy Church as we enter the Holiday Season!

Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean

First Sunday with Our Two Priests

October 25, 2020



Photos by Presvytera Denise

Message from Father Alexander



If you were able to watch any of my ordinations, you heard a theme of thanksgiving and much credit going to Nativity of Christ Church in Novato as my “home parish” for raising me in the Church and on this path to the priesthood. I will be forever grateful to them for their role in raising me but I now look here and to you as truly my “home parish.”

I must thank all of you for welcoming me and my family, Presbytera Laura and Max to your home and making it our home as well. Holy Trinity truly is a strong community, rooted in family and faith and it’s an honor to be serving you all.

This past year and a half has been a great blessing in getting to know all of you as Pastoral Assistant and yet I felt something lacking. It made me think back to my days at seminary when we had hospital ministry, we would have to go to a hospital and “minister” to the people there. This generally entailed simply talking to random strangers in their hospital bed. Occasionally this would bring about a nice discussion on life but mostly was greeted with awkwardness as what I was doing was not special. My presence may have been comforting but it was nothing out of the ordinary.

I expressed my frustration about this to a friend who had recently been ordained and he told me that it all changes when you’re ordained. It’s no longer you who are “ministering” but Christ. When you go to the hospital you bring Christ, in His Body and Blood, in the oil, the water, or simply in the Grace of HIS Priesthood that you unworthily bear. I do not minister, but Christ does.

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos also expressed this to me on the day of my ordination. He told me that as a priest, I am simply the “lighthouse” and Christ, as we know, is the Light of the world.

And so it is now here with you. It is not I who minister, but Christ who ministers in me. I can promise you, whatever good comes from me is from God, whatever brings you closer to Him is from Him. Whatever is bad or deters your progress to God is my own shortcoming.

And to be clear, this is why Father and I are here. I am not here to do anything but help bring Christ to your lives. Everything I will aim to do will be for this purpose. We can have the worst festival (or no festival in this case), everything falling apart around us, but if we all grow in Christ then it is a successful year.

You may have noticed that we’re attempting to do 40 Days of Liturgies, this is not by accident, it’s not “just to practice” but really the purpose of the priesthood. The Priesthood is not a desk job. Yes, these things are sometimes necessary but the uniqueness of the Grace of the Priesthood is distributing the Sacraments and bringing the Grace of Christ to you all through my unworthiness. Join us at 8am any day!

Everything I will do is with this aim, to bring Christ to you. Again, it is not me, there is nothing special about me, but Christ who will transform you. Everything I do will be with this aim, to make Christ the focal point of our lives. Any youth event, any time we are together, it will be to focus on Christ.

Because you can get everything else anywhere else. You can do just the fun things anywhere, you can have the para anywhere else, you can make friends anywhere else. You cannot find Christ anywhere else but His Church. If we make Him the focal point of everything we do, everything else will come into place beautifully. If we make Christ the center of what we do we will have people knocking down our door waiting to come in. This is our goal. A healthy community is a community that grows, that welcomes and integrates others into it seamlessly. This is our challenge here. We know we have the community, we have the love, we have Christ. We must share Him with the world and bring the world into us. This is my goal here and this is a team effort. Thank you all for everything you have done here to welcome me and make me able to minister and bring Christ to you all more fully. May Christ bless this vineyard which His right hand has planted and may it grow more fruitful than ever before. I have no doubt with Fr Apostolos as my mentor and coworker in Christ’s vineyard that we all can come together and open our doors to all to receive Christ.

Message from Father Alexander

Hello Beloved Parishioners,

It is with great joy that I have returned to Phoenix after my ordination to the Priesthood by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos in Novato, CA. Pres. Laura and I were saddened to not be with you all physically for the ordination but we most definitely felt your prayers and love all weekend. There is a tradition in our Church that the newly ordained celebrate 40 Days of Liturgies straight so we will endeavor to do this! Starting Wednesday, October 21, I will celebrate the Liturgy every day at 8am (except on Sundays when we will maintain our usual schedule). There will be no Orthros unless otherwise stated for great feasts (such as St. Demetrios on Monday the 26th).

This is exciting for many reasons! Firstly, I am personally excited to celebrate as many Liturgies as possible, secondly, it also gives you more opportunities to pray (and possibly before work in the morning as well!), thirdly, it offers more and smaller opportunities for those of you “at-risk” with the virus who do not feel comfortable coming on Sunday.

Fr. Apostolos and I look forward to seeing you in these Liturgies and as we move forward together in ministry seeking to bring our community closer together in Christ.

In Christ,

Father Alexander Eliades

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 Father Alexander
will light a candle and say a prayer for you.

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

In our Holy Trinity Family, October is known as "Festival Month." For the past 59 years our church family has come together to put together the best and biggest Greek festival in the Southwest. And although this year we are all missing our festival, you can still help to keep that 59-year tradition alive.

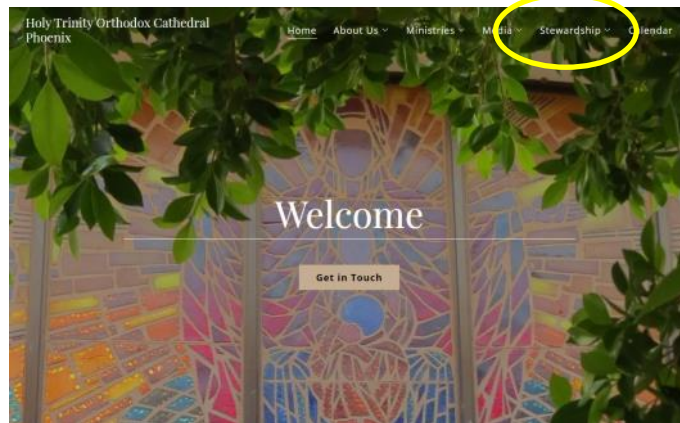


Please join us by participating in our Festival Fundraiser Campaign. By now, each of you should have received in the mail the information regarding this campaign. Our goal is to raise \$175,000 by November 15th. And thanks to many of you we are well on our way to reaching that goal.

Thanks to those of you listed below who have already contributed! And for those who haven't, now is the time to join us. Please find the attachments below for information on how to participate in our efforts.

See pages 8, 9, & 10

Go to www.holytrinityphx.org and then click on **Stewardship**



+ REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL+

Sunday Sign-In Process!

We are excited to announce the next step in our re-opening process, **we will no longer be requiring a pre 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 outside the Narthex 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!

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,
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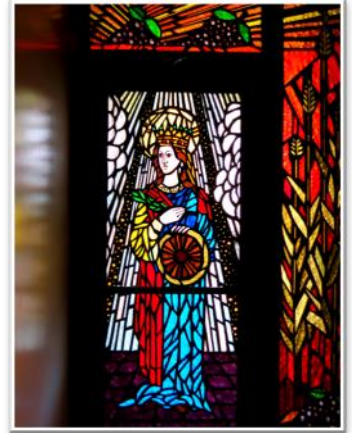
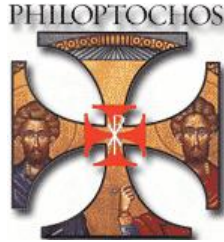
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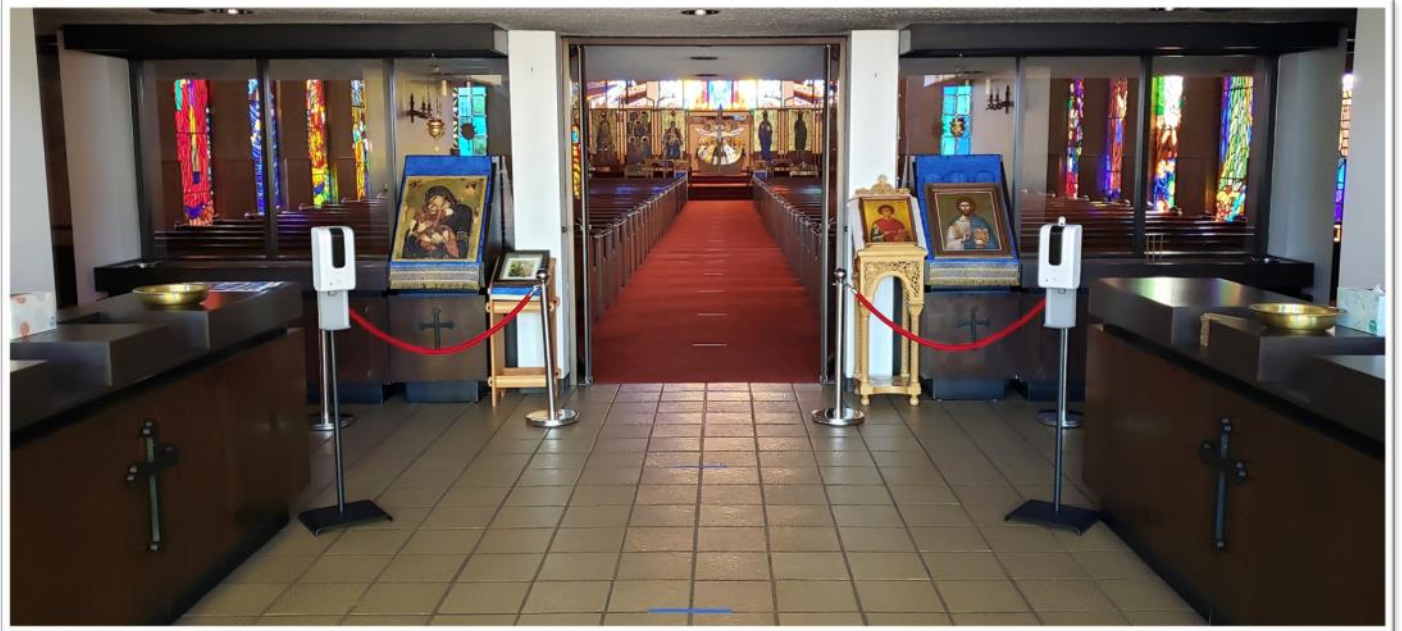


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Stefan D. Matheos
Nick Maydanis

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Paul N. Miller
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Spyro & Effie Mousses
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Else Paletsos
Elizabeth Palmer
Alexander & Alexia Panagiotakopoulos
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Rita & Spyros Paspasyrou
Nicholas & Stacy Papatzimas
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Father Alexander's Ordination

October 17 & 18, 2020



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Desert Springs November 2020

Father Alexander's Celebration!

October 25, 2020



St. Nektarios Books & Beyond

By Rita Papaspyrou

On November 9th we commemorate Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker



Saint Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 11, 1846. After putting himself through school in Constantinople with much hard labor, he became a monk on Chios in 1876, receiving the monastic name of Lazarus; because of his virtue, a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the new name of Nektarios. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronius of Alexandria, Nektarios went to Athens to study in 1882; completing his theological studies in 1885, he went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest on March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of Saint Sabbas, and in August of the same year, in the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, made him Archimandrite. Archimandrite Nektarios showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and for the beauty of God's house. He greatly beautified the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo, and years later, when Nektarios was in Athens, Saint Nicholas appeared to him in a dream, embracing him and telling him he was going to exalt him very high.



On January 15, 1889, in the same Church of Saint Nicholas, Nektarios was consecrated Metropolitan of Pentapolis in eastern Libya, which was under the jurisdiction of Alexandria. Although Nektarios' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of lesser men, who convinced the elderly Sophronius that Nektarios had it in his heart to become Patriarch. Since the people loved Nektarios, the Patriarch was troubled by the slanders. On May 3, 1890, Sophronius relieved Metropolitan Nektarios of his duties; in July of the same year, he commanded Nektarios to leave Egypt.

"Without seeking to avenge or even to defend himself, the innocent Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because his good name had been soiled, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop, and in February of 1891 accepted the position of provincial preacher in Euboia; then, in 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. Through his eloquent sermons, his unwearying labours to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms deeds despite his own poverty, and the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, he became a shining light and a spiritual guide to many.

At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of his convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina while yet dean of the Rizarios School; finding later that his presence there was needed, he took up his residence on Aegina in 1908, where he spent the last years of his life, devoting himself to the direction of his convent and to very intense prayer; he was sometimes seen lifted above the ground while rapt in prayer.

He became the protector of all Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Here also he endured wicked slanders with singular patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself. Although he had already worked wonders in life, an innumerable multitude of miracles have been wrought after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly a malady that has not been cured through his prayers; but Saint Nektarios is especially renowned for his healings of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world.

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



Teacher John Schneider leads a talk with youth on November 1, 2020

Our Church Family

Baptism

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



10/24/2020

Marina Chloe Contes
daughter of Margaret & Andrew Contes
Godparents: Lauren & John Hecht
God's Blessings be upon her.

Wedding

“Oh Lord our God, crown them with glory and honor.”

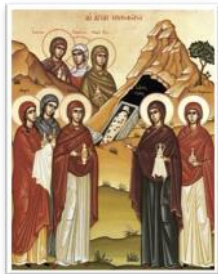


10/2/2020

Katerina Eleni Matheos & Wesley Patrick Baker
Sponsor: Stefan David Matheos
God grant them many years.

Funerals

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.”
Psalm 23:6



10/3/2020:

John Ginakes
May his memory be eternal.

10/7/2020:

Vaios Tsanos
May his memory be eternal.

10/16/2020:

Angelo G. Ntatsos
May his memory be eternal.

10/17/2020:

Brian Haugen
May his memory be eternal.

Maintenance Corner

The Maintenance Committee has been working on several accidents that have occurred on our campus. We have had *two* cars crash into *two* areas, causing damage to our property. We are currently working on the repair of the west entry wall and have completed repairs to east side fencing.



Church operations have resumed with CV restrictions and the Valonis brothers have been diligent in our cleaning procedures to ensure everyone's safety.

We are also working on items for attention with our annual building and fire inspections.

Contact:

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

Desert Diamonds



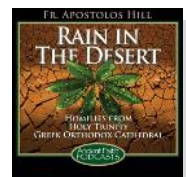
Senior Parishioners
and their guests

See you soon!

Julie Karoutas

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

Rain In The Desert



Link to recordings of Father's sermons: [http://](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/rain)

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

AHEPA Chapter 219



Chapter 219 Family Picnic

Saturday November 7, 2020 - 11am to 3pm

McCormick Stillman Park - ASTE Pavillion (NW side of park)
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250
BBQ Buffet and Drinks Provided

Cost is FREE!



Activities Include: Miniature and Ridable Railway, Charro Carousel - Merry-go-Round, Railroad Museum and Pullman Car Exhibit, Machine Shop, and Xeriscape Arboretum.

**RSVP by November 3, 2020 for food count purposes to
Art Boujotas - 480-586-0511, aboujotas@gmail.com**

AHEPA Chapter 219

AHEPA 219 Educational & Cultural Foundation Scholarship Luncheon



PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

11AM - 1PM

MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY SCOTTSDALE

16405 N. SCOTTSDALE RD. SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254

\$40

Per Person

No-Host Bar

Appetizers

Assorted Entrees

Dessert

RSVP to Tim Floor 602-616-1989

By December 18, 2020

OUR NEXT MEETING



Thursday
November 19, 2020
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thanksgiving Meal
St. Innocent's
and UMOM Drive

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

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

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



Are you getting the weekly
OPA Newsletter?

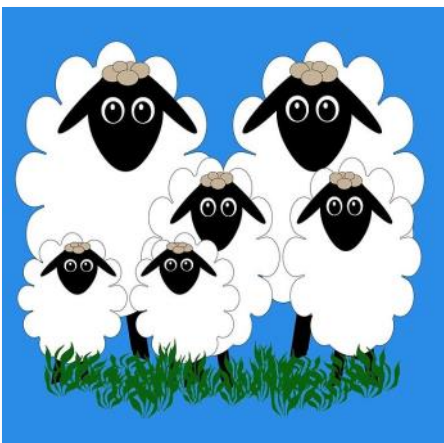
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via our email newsletter.

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

Tell Us Something Good

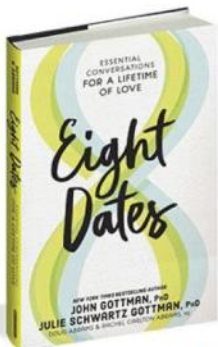


**Contact Sharon Daniolos
at 602-955-8015
for holiday goodies!**
Includes melomakarona,
kourembiethes, artoclasia, paximadia,
cinnamon loaf, and more!

Young Marrieds Seminar

 METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO
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“ESSENTIAL CONVERSATIONS
FOR A LIFETIME OF LOVE”



Join us and other couples in our Orthodox community for 1-hour virtual sessions twice a month, in a complimentary series featuring discussions from *Eight Dates* by John Gottman, Ph.D., designed to strengthen your commitment to one another and to God.

THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM PST

OCTOBER 15 NOVEMBER 12 DECEMBER 3 JANUARY 7 FEBRUARY 4
OCTOBER 29 NOVEMBER 19 DECEMBER 17 JANUARY 21 FEBRUARY 18

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www.gosfyouth.org

www.familywellnessministry.org



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