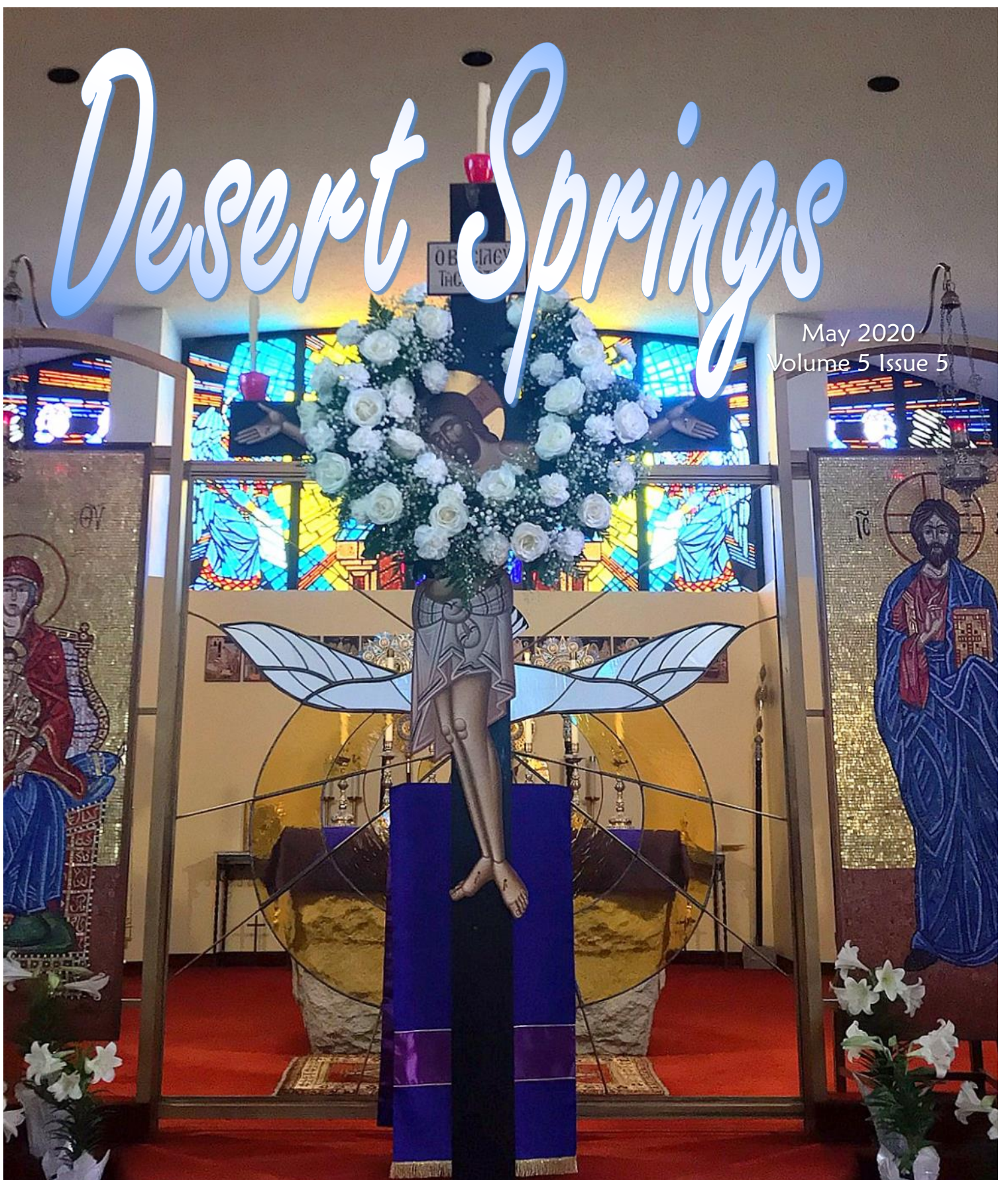


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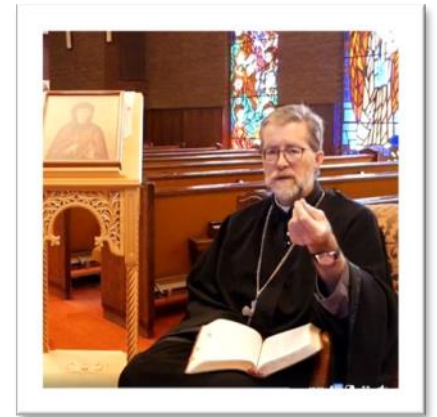
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Message from Father Apostolos

The Basis for Hope

Xristos Anesti!

It beggars belief that as recently as February all seemed well in the world as our family celebrated the wedding of our oldest son in Atlanta. We rejoiced at having our children and grandchildren together and the early rumblings of a strange new virus in the east seemed but a distant echo. I recall only one passenger in the Atlanta airport wearing a mask as we waited for our return flight home, little suspecting what immense change was looming.



And how quickly our world has changed! Toilet paper in short supply? Impossible! Emptied grocery store shelves? Unthinkable! Jetliners no longer crowding the skies overhead? Unimaginable! Churches emptied before the middle Sunday of Great Lent? Holy Week and Paschal services available only via live stream? Kyrie Eleison!

Painful? Yes, immensely so! Christians are "ecclesial beings" and doubly so as Greek Orthodox for whom family and fellowship are as oxygen for us! To be deprived of one another's company in this brief moment of sequestration is an agony. Yet, the discerning can perceive the hand of God in this as we ponder what message He is sending us in these troubling times. Such global disruptions surely portend the involvement, even the interference, of a loving God Whom, though we may wish to think otherwise, always reserves the right to topple our affairs for our ultimate good.

I am left to wonder what is the basis for hope? In what, or in whom, do I place my trust for security and safety, for health and well-being, for salvation? In times of great plenty is it easier or more difficult for me to acknowledge God in my daily activities? When the economy is rolling along, do I worry overmuch about the future?

Conversely, when trials come, am I quick to blame God or to imagine Him as absent or uncaring? Or do such challenges rather spur me to draw nearer to Him through prayer and repentance? Am I quick to assign blame to elected officials and even - may God forgive us - Orthodox Hierarchs when their decisions fail to comport with my personal views?

Do I strain my ears to listen to the "still, small voice" of God which Elias the Prophet finally heard after the tempest, fire, and earthquake subsided? And when I hear God's voice, is my reply also "Speak, Lord, your servant listens?"

What is the basis for our hope in life? Now is an opportune moment to examine this question, to explore its depths. Now that we have been ordered to "shelter in place," we can assess whether we do so with bitterness, only hardening in our opinions; or according to the wisdom expressed in the 91st Psalm;

"He who dwells in the shadow of the Most High will find rest in the shelter of the Almighty?"

In an age wherein time and space for real prayer has become a rare commodity, will I choose to make the most of this God-given opportunity now that all my former distractions have been stripped away from me?

As I take inventory of the true condition of my faith in Jesus Christ, can I muster the courage to be honest about the basis of my hope? Can I become a man at ease with silence, possessed of a quiet mind, a still heart, a tranquil soul?

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Fr. Apostolos' Message continued from page 3

The poet Henry David Thoreau once wrote that the problems of mankind have much to do with his inability to sit quietly in a room by himself. Might this become for us our own restorative "Walden Woods" experience? We do not live in such an idyllic setting as that but springtime in the desert is beautiful and alive with birds singing in the flowering trees overhead. Might I set aside my anxieties long enough to exult in their innocent rejoicing?

Though we cannot know precisely when, we will emerge from this period of testing. In time, we will tally the dead. In time, we must rebuild the economy according to an entirely new set of principles. In time, our parishes will fill up again with faithful, famished hearts eager to reconnect to God in the deceptively simple yet powerfully sacramental act of comprising the Holy Church of Christ in the Eucharistic Assembly.

But will we have changed? Will we have gained some new and needed insight into the basis of hope? The Prophet David whose life was anything but secure, wrote these inspiring words;

"My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation. My stronghold, I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; the Rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O People; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." (62:5-8)

God forbid, should I emerge from this God-given opportunity unchanged, ungrateful, unpurified, no wiser, no holier, no better, I will have squandered a very great gift, this unasked-for moment of stillness and prayerful reflection. To seek a speedy return to the old "normal" now deceased would be to miss the point of this lesson entirely.

Instead, may we ask God for the wisdom required to craft a more faithful and more hopeful "new normal," as we emerge from our homes now reconsecrated by prayer! And may our prayer be to place all our hope on the Lord and to rest secure in the knowledge of His demonstrated benevolence toward us!

Christ is Risen!



Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean

Holy Friday 2020

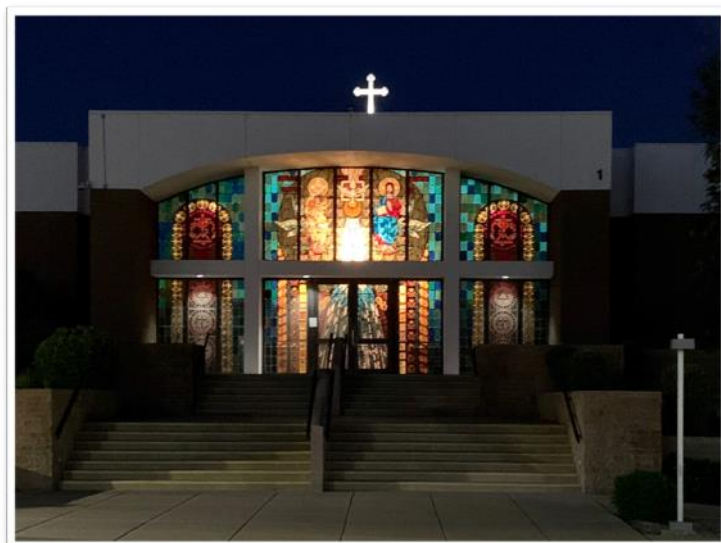


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Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



HOLY TRINITY NEEDS OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDS NOW MORE THAN EVER

We pray everyone is remaining safe, healthy and home! We are all struggling in one way or another during these unprecedented times. And as each of our families is finding new ways to navigate through this quarantine, the Parish Council, clergy, and office staff is working together to find ways to guide Holy Trinity through this as well.

Although so much is uncertain right now, one thing has become abundantly clear. That as a church, we cannot rely on outside sources to cover our expenses. Due to this quarantine, we are not collecting rent from our preschool tenant, Little Big Minds. In addition, our weekly tenant that meets in the Large Hall, Business Network International, has postponed all meetings, which means we do not currently have that income. And it is also unclear how or if our 2020 Festival will be affected. Without those income sources, it is unclear where our financial picture lies.

In addition, although Holy Trinity applied for the federal Payment Protection Program, we were not approved in the first round. This is even more evidence that as a Holy Trinity family we need to pull together and take care of our precious Cathedral.

The Parish Council and office staff have worked to review our bills and cut costs wherever possible. But we still need our parishioners to continue to mail in your regular Stewardship contributions.

And, there is no better time to join WeShare for automated stewardship payments. Simply visit the church website: www.holytrinityphx.org, scroll down to the bottom and click on the Join WeShare button.

If you haven't yet made your 2020 stewardship pledge, simply go to the Church website to fill out your pledge. Visit www.holytrinityphx.org, click on "stewardship" in the upper right-hand corner, fill out your 2020 Pledge Card and submit. From there you can opt to continue to contribute via cash or check or you can join WeShare for automated payments.

You can now light a virtual candle each week. Go to: hollytrinityphx.org/upcoming-events. Click on "Light a Candle" through PayPal and enter names of those you wish to be prayed for.

Either way you do it, we ask that you continue to remember the church and fulfill your 2020 commitment if possible. We pray everyone remains safe and healthy and we look forward to the day when we can all reunite as a church family and fill the pews of our Cathedral!

STEWARDSHIP FACTS:

Did you know?...

- ◆ In order to be a member in good standing, you must fill out a new Pledge Card every year and make a contribution toward that pledge.
- ◆ Currently, stewardship only covers about half of Holy Trinity's monthly expenses. The shortfall is made up from Festival proceeds and rental income.
- ◆ In 2019 the average pledge per family was more than \$1,200 per year.

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Agape Service 2020

Liturgical Services will be live streamed
by Father Apostolos and Alexander until further notice.

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If you have a Facebook account:

Like our Facebook page:

[Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Phoenix, AZ](#)

You will receive updates when we are live.

If you DO NOT have a Facebook account:

1. Go to holytrinityphx.org

2. Below the picture of Father Apostolos, find the link for accessing our Facebook where the streaming takes place.

3. Click the link

4. Scroll down until you come upon the video of the live service

5. If Facebook asks you to log in, simply click "Not Now"

If you have any questions or still cannot access our streams, please seek out help from someone you know who is already able to get them, or if you do not know of anyone who can help, email Alexander Eliades: aeliades@holytrinityphx.org

"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God,
and at the right time He will lift you up in honor.
Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you!"
(1 Pet. 5:6,7)

Light a Virtual Candle

[Light a Candle](#)



In this time more than ever we need prayer.
As we unfortunately cannot come light our own candles,
we have set up this ability to do so 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.

Bible Study

From Father:

I will begin offering our weekly Bible Study on Saturday mornings at 10:00am on **Zoom**. Zoom is a video conferencing website that allows for large gatherings to hold meetings on line. The details are provided below.

Trust me! If I can figure this out, ANYONE can! All you need to do is to go to this website <https://www.zoom.us/>

Once there, you will notice at the top of the screen and to the right the Join a meeting option. Click the option and enter the Meeting ID **360-179-3722** and Password **HTPhoenix**

Zoom allows us up to 100 participants. If we actually have 100 participants I will probably faint and be unable to conduct the study! :)

We will be examining the Magnificat of the Virgin Mary as recorded in St. Luke's Gospel and comparing it with the very similar canticle of praise offered by Hannah in the first book of Samuel. It should be informative and fun!

God bless and keep you all well, protected under the shelter of His wings, and filled with the peace that comes with knowing that He watches over us!

In Christ,

Rev. Father **Apostolos Hill** | Dean



Father on Instagram



Message from Pastoral Assistant Alexander

Well, Now What?



I don't know about you, but I was beginning to feel like this whole quarantine thing was just another aspect of Lent. The people aren't allowed at church for Lent and we can't see others during Lent and that's sad, but we'll be all together after Pascha! Well, here we are, after Pascha; and, here we are, not seeing each other. Regardless of your feelings on the matter, we as the Holy Trinity Cathedral Community are going to follow the directives of our hierarchs and civil authorities and until they tell us how to proceed, this is how life will be. It's not "normal." It's not "good." But it can provide lessons for us and we have to learn how to get by with these directives!

So, now that the busyness of Lent and Pascha is over, how are we going to continue to be engaged as a Church Family? Obviously, Father Apostolos and I will continue the services on our Facebook but, as we're out of the intensive time of the Lenten season, there will be fewer of those. So Father and I will keep you in-touch and engaged through a variety of different reflections, times of prayer, and classes! Father has already put out his schedule but here is what we'll be offering the Youth and those interested in our classes:

General reflections on Facebook-- Tuesday and Thursday at Noon

Faith Fulfillment: The Apostolic Fathers-- Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom

Hope/Joy Zoom Meeting: Every Wednesday 2pm

Jr. Goya Zoom Meeting: Every Wednesday at 3pm

Sr. Goya Zoom Meeting: Every Wednesday at 4pm

Young Adult Zoom Meeting: Every Thursday at 7pm

The Meeting ID for all of the Zoom Meetings will be **360-179-3722** and our password is **HTPhoenix**

Please log your children on to these meetings and join us for our reflections and the class on Tuesday evening to learn more about your faith! Stay engaged in your faith and your church at this time and we will come out stronger!



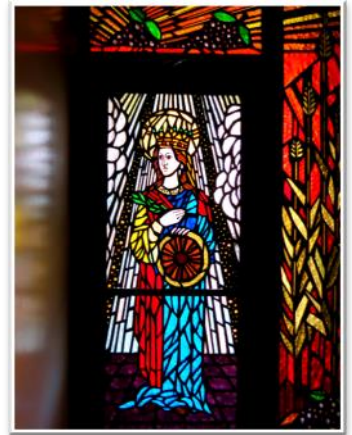
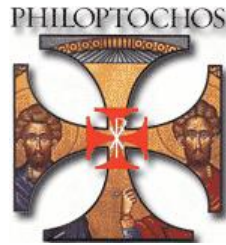
Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

“FRIENDS OF THE POOR”

An organization where membership is an honor & a privilege.

JOIN & ENRICH YOUR LIFE!



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

I hope the BLESSINGS of this Holy Period in our Faith brings forth New Life to all. We have endured a very troubling time. With the help of our Dear God, “Together we will get through this” and *we will*. GOD has given us all strength to overcome these difficulties.

We are Philoptochos, FRIENDS OF THE POOR. POOR does not mean only financially. It includes in need of assistance, friendship, company, and help in their daily life. There are many who have no hope unless they are helped by others. When we give of ourselves, we receive so much more back.

-President Alex Anagnopoulos

JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2020

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

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

2020 Scholarship Application

The Holy Trinity Cathedral Philoptochos Society will be offering two, one-thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarships to Holy Trinity students attending college in the fall of 2020. Listed below are the eligibility requirements:

1. Student and/or family must be a steward of Holy Trinity Cathedral
2. High school students must have graduated in the spring of 2020 and attending college in the fall of 2020
3. College students may also apply as continuing students or in graduate programs in the Fall of 2020
4. Applicants must submit:
 - A copy of 2019-2020 transcripts
 - College acceptance letter
 - A resume including school, church & community activities

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2020

If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee or Philoptochos.

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Mail to: Philoptochos Scholarship, 1973 E. Maryland, Phoenix, AZ 85016

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College(s) Accepted to: _____

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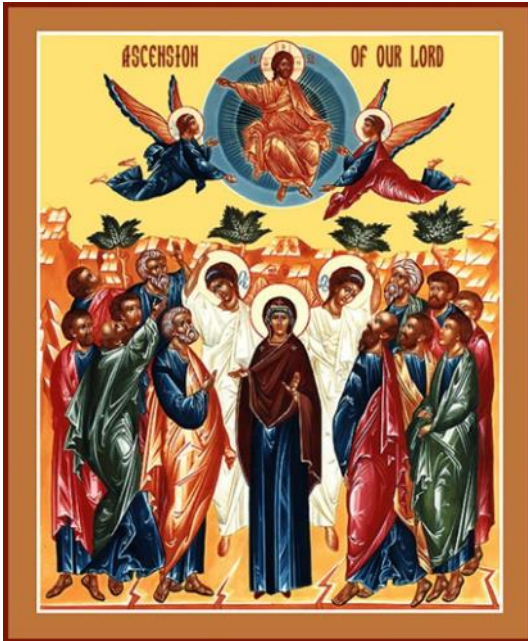
Palm Crosses Made by Our Parishioners At Home



St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Rita Papaspyrou

The month of May gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church.



Music Ministry

by Terri Alexon, Director



The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior Who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love, He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Christ is Risen, Truly He is Risen!

Even though the Cathedral Choir was not able to sing together in the loft during Holy Week and Pascha, the music ministry members kept in touch, checking on one another and praying for each other.

One of the first Choir members to exclaim "Χριστὸς Ανέστη" in a text message to me on Bright Monday was Alexa Wood. It was truly inspiring to me that her voice was the first. My immediate thought was that there was hope for our youth to carry on the faith and especially our treasured music traditions.

"Ever since I can remember," she said, "music has been apart of my life." Besides attending church, Alexa's mother and grandmother introduced her to Broadway music at around 4 years old. "That was just the beginning," she said.



At age 10 years, Alexa's mother took her to see *Phantom of the Opera* at Grady Gammage of Arizona State University, and ever since that time, she's seen more than ten shows as well as a few shows on Broadway in New York City. This love of Broadway musicals has led Alexa to participate in musicals in middle school and high school, including the school choir.

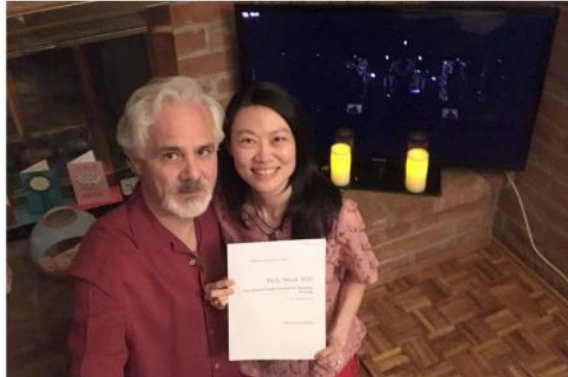
While a member of the school choir at her elementary school, Alexa learned to read music and play the acoustical guitar. In high school, Alexa took up the clarinet, which was in her words, "such a joy to just learn how to play such a beautiful instrument."

At age six, Alexa first started singing in the youth choir at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. As a teenager, Alexa became a faithful member of the Cathedral Choir. Currently in college, Alexa finds the time to sing first soprano and put her faith into action. "I'm truly blessed and grateful to be able to share my voice every Sunday in church, and it is something that I cherish now and forevermore."

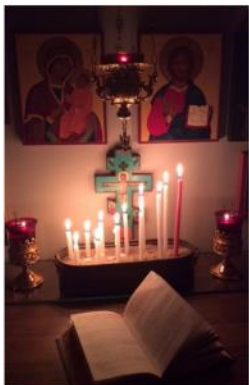
If you or your child age 7 years or older would like to join the music ministry, please send a message to htphxmusicdirector@gmail.com or call/text Terri at **480-233-2416**.



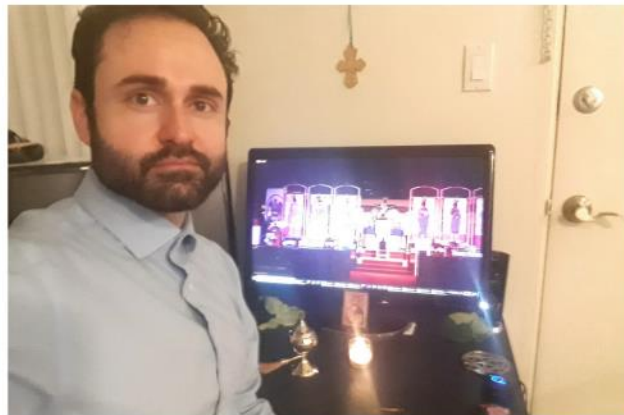
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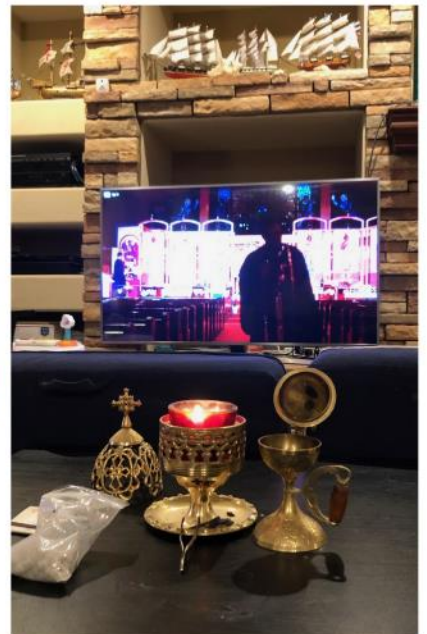
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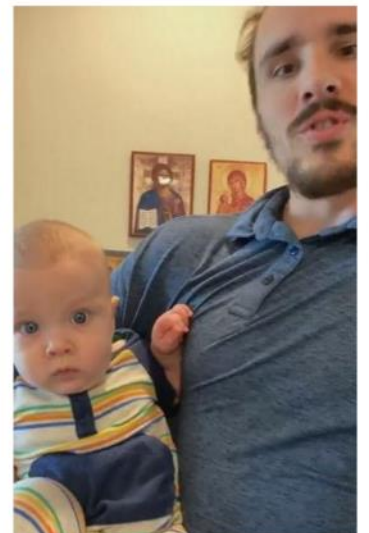
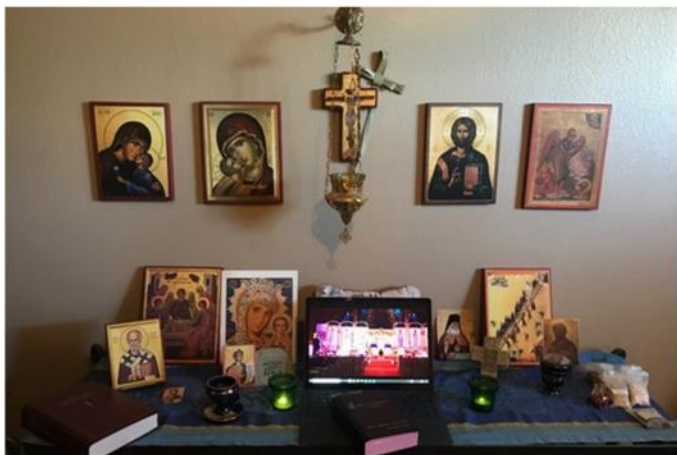
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Holy Trinity Academy

By Juli Pritsos

Contact me at

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Our Church Family

Funeral

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

Psalm 23:6



04/29/2020

Leonard Mastorakos

May his memory be eternal.

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.

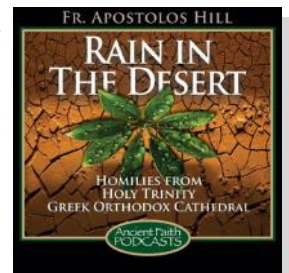


Rain In The Desert

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.



Sunday School

Kalli Schneider, Director

Sunday school will resume in September.

Watch for registration information this summer.



Do you enjoy children? Do you enjoy bringing your children to Sunday school? Sunday school loves seeing our youth every week! It is such a blessing to see their smiles and teach them about our rich Orthodox faith. We are currently seeking teachers and/or assistant teachers and a new Sunday School Director for next year. Our most dire need is for 3rd/4th grade. We need teachers or assistant teachers for all grade levels. If interested to be a part of this fulfilling ministry or if you have questions, please contact Kalli Schneider at 602-568-3139 or Alexander Eliades at aeliades@holytrinityphx.org.

Holy Trinity
Sunday School
is looking for parents
and young adults
to teach our youth
in the 2020-21 year.

This is a great
opportunity to ensure
our youth grow up
knowing their
Orthodox faith.

If interested, please
contact
Kalli Schneider:
[kalliopischneider
@gmail.com](mailto:kalliopischneider@gmail.com)

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Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Furlis

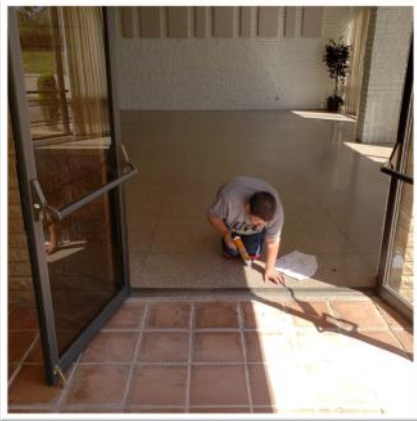


The church is more in need of your financial donations than ever in this trying time. The freezer compressor has reached its lifespan and has broken down. It will need to be replaced vs repaired. Please call Diana at the office at 602-264-7399 if you can donate even just a little bit more to help with the replacement of the compressor. During this down time, the Maintenance Committee has been hard at work on the campus. Although things look different at this time, we have not stopped working to keep our campus in good shape. With the generous donations from Chris Johnson and Costa Tzavaras we were able to build out and complete the long-needed maintenance room. We now have the tools and space necessary to assist us in completing all our maintenance tasks.



The maintenance committee walked the property to assist in determining maintenance needs. Here is a partial list of projects worked on as I could not list them all in the ad and many thanks to Paul & Dimitri Valonis for their hard work and effort leading the charge in these projects:

- painting of bar area walls, replacing baseboards,
- replacing damaged ceiling tiles,
- pressure washing and cleaning the entire kitchen and equipment,
- repainting cooler racks,
- window cleaning in/out of all community center windows,
- sealing of door and window sills to keep water rain water out,
- disassembly of damaged play ground equipment in sand court,
- pressure washing of patio,
- cleaning of air vents,
- kitchen and community center lobby,
- deep cleaned pantry,
- deep clean freezer,
- cleaning of cathedral basement,
- cleaning of education building basement,
- wax removal from cathedral seating,
- install of LED bulbs in cathedral,
- sanitized all handrails and pew tops in cathedral,
- carpets cleaned at stage, maintenance room, & OPA room,
- clean out and reorganization of storage room next to stage,
- pressure washed around church office area,
- dishwasher repaired.



These are just some of the projects completed and we continuing to clean, sanitize and complete projects daily. The maintenance committee hopes you and your families are safe during this time. We look forward to the time we can all be together again.

Ted Furlis

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 Corona virus, the Desert Diamonds events for April and May, have been cancelled.

We will hopefully reconvene in September if all danger of the virus has passed. We will gather for lunch at a restaurant 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 623.313.8820

In the meantime, enjoy some of our pictures from previous gatherings. ♡

With Christ's love,

Julie Karoutas

email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com

cell: 623-313-8720 call or text



HOLY TRINITY

Weekly Online Meetings

TUESDAY:

12pm: Reflection- FACEBOOK LIVE

7pm: NEW WEEKLY CLASS-on ZOOM

Faith Fulfillment: The Apostolic Fathers

WEDNESDAY:

2pm: Hope/Joy- ZOOM

3pm: Jr. Goya - ZOOM

4pm: Sr. Goya- ZOOM

6:30pm Paraklesis- FACEBOOK LIVE

THURSDAY:

12pm: Reflection- FACEBOOK LIVE

7pm: Young Adult Meeting- ZOOM

SATURDAY:

10am: Bible Study- ZOOM

SUNDAY:

3pm: Sunday School-INSTAGRAM LIVE (@fr.hill)

EVERYDAY:

Father Apostolos offers Morning and Evening Prayers (7am & 7pm) along with a children's program at 3pm on his Instagram (@fr.hill)

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OPA Graduate Form



2020 GRADUATE RECOGNITION FORMS!

If you or your child is graduating from
8th grade, high school, college
or graduate school,
please fill out the form below
to be recognized in this year's digital
SALUTE to the GRADUATES!

Due to current health conditions,
the annual OPA graduation luncheon has been cancelled,
but we still want to showcase all our Parish's graduates.

A special graduation email
will be sent to all Holy Trinity congregation
the week of May 18th-22nd.

Please scan & email the attached form
no later than **Friday May 15th.**

This year we are also [requesting a photo of each graduate.](#)
(class/graduation photos preferred)

Send forms & questions to,
Caroline Economopoulos
cjecomom@gmail.com

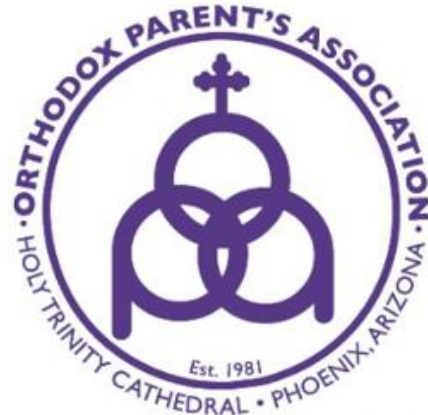
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OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

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

Paulina Watson
602-740-9350
Paulinawatson25@gmail.com

Dianna Scaccia
602-323-4615
discaccia@gmail.com



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.



As of this time,
due to the current health crisis effecting our country,
and by the directive of
the The Metropolis of San Francisco and the Archdiocese
ALL youth events have been cancelled.

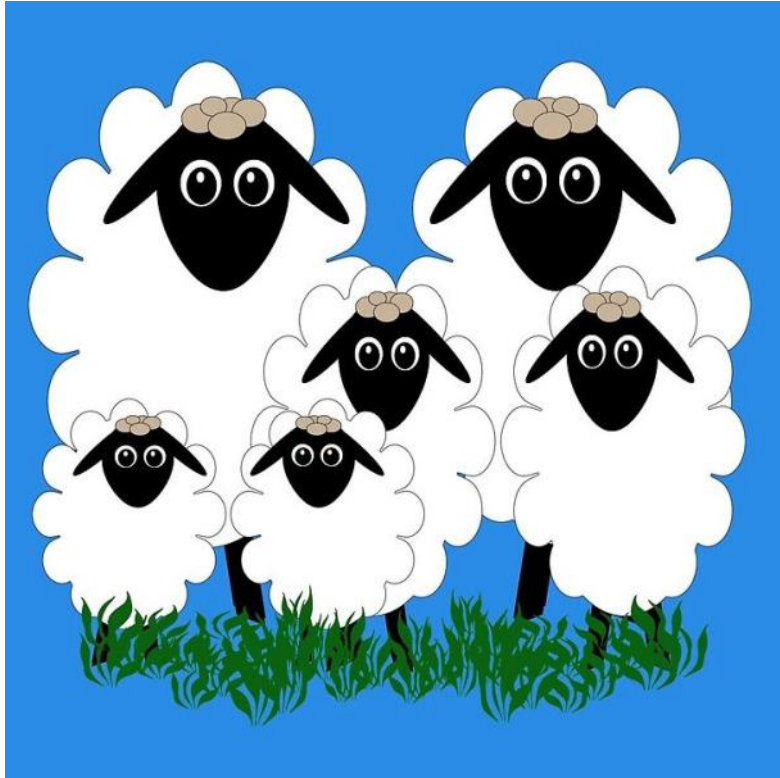
Do you get OPA emails?

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 Paulinawatson25@gmail.com or discaccia@gmail.com and we'll get you added to the list.

Meet your Board!

Co-President	Paulina Watson
Co-President	Dianna Scaccia
Secretary	Donna Manelis
Treasurer	Stephanie Papadopoulos
Wellness Ministry	Lindsay Vardalos & Leah Venetis
Correspondence	Caroline Economopoulos

Little Lambs



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.

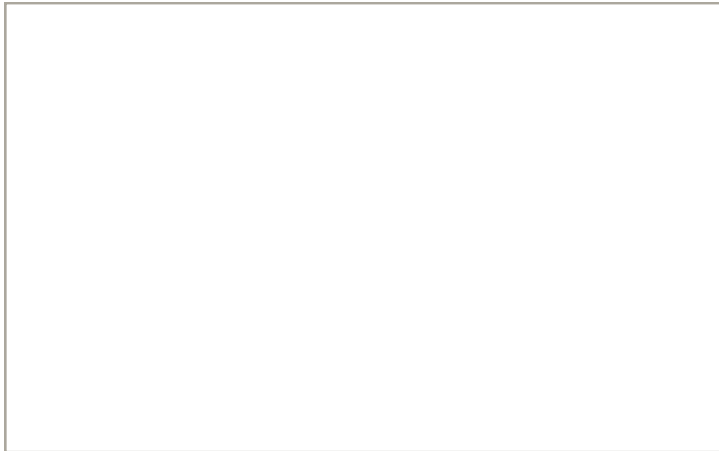
Little Lambs Group = newborns to Kindergarten

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.

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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