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Emerging

I have never been a fan of the pop-rock band "The Grateful Dead." I never “got” their music and at the risk of offending any "Dead-heads," as their fans are known, I've never been impressed with their material. Still, I am aware of at least one air-worthy tune with the well-worn lyric "what a long strange trip it's been."

What a long strange trip, indeed! Our last public worship service occurred at the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent four months ago! Since then, ZOOM meetings and Facebook liturgies, "COVID-hair," and the dreaded "COVID-19" (pounds) have become a new 'normal." (ugh!) But there are hopeful signs that a resumption of public worship may be at hand.

We will begin offering Holy Communion again on Sunday, August 2nd after the live-streaming Divine Liturgy. Those wishing to receive must be present when the doors to the Cathedral are opened at 10:30. Holy Communion will be offered for about 30 minutes.

All those entering the Church are required to wear a face mask and to follow the friendly instructions from our helpful Parish Council and staff members. Once you have received the Holy Gifts, please follow the blue arrows on the floor to the north and south transept doors to return to your vehicles. Holy Communion will again be offered on Sunday, August 9th at the conclusion of the live-streaming Divine Liturgy at 10:30.

We intend to return to limited public worship on Sunday, August 16th so long as two virus-related parameters continue to improve; an ICU bed capacity remaining below 90% and the county infection rate below the current level of 13%. If either of these parameters worsen, we will again consult with our Orthodox clinical advisory board for direction.

Our resumption of public worship on the 16th of August is open to those first 50 souls who have previously registered for our hoped-for return in June. Those remaining 50 souls will be automatically registered for the liturgy on the 23rd of August. We ask that this not become a race and that we remain considerate of each other so that all our parish families have an opportunity to attend these initial limited worship services.

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion without reservations to attend a Sunday service may still arrive at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to receive. Those who are 65-70 or older or who are in any way immuno-compromised are strongly encouraged to instead attend the services reserved for this group. (Details forthcoming.) if anyone is not feeling well or is caring for an afflicted family member, they must stay home... duh!

For those of you long awaiting Holy Confession, please be present at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 1st after the Divine Liturgy and I will hear the confessions of those assembled at that time. Similar opportunities for Confession will be offered frequently thereafter. If you have been patiently waiting for your baby's 40-day Churchning or Baptism, please call me so we can make those arrangements.

As we emerge from our long exile from the parish, what might we expect at Holy Trinity for the remainder of 2020? Online ministries like Bible Studies, weekday services, reflections, and Catechism classes will continue and expand, facilitating participation for those with limited mobility. Last Sunday's inaugural ZOOM Coffee Hour fellowship from 11:00 to Noon allowed participants to reconnect with each other and will be offered after every Sunday liturgy.

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Youth ministry offerings have been enhanced in the numerous online opportunities we’ve created these last four months. Our weekly Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) college ministry meetings will be online via ZOOM, allowing Orthodox college students on every Arizona campus to participate easily! My daily 3:00 PM Instagram kids’ program (I really need a name for that!) continues to attract wee ones who like to color and build LEGO creations with me as we learn about our Orthodox faith together.

Our sterling Parish Council has conducted weekly conference calls these last four months, energetically and effectively managing the affairs of the parish (check out the list of completed maintenance items in this edition!) and coordinating our efforts to keep the Holy Trinity family informed and connected! (Great job, team!)

In three-dimensional space, we intend to make the most of our opportunity for public worship and activities in the weeks ahead. We will be offering numerous weekly services, including outdoor services on the veranda adjacent the Speros Center once the summer heat dissipates! You may have the chance to experience an All Saints Camp outdoor liturgy if the virus persists and indoor worship becomes limited again!

Youth ministry events in the fall (with masks, clean hands, and physically distanced!) will also move outdoors to enable our young ones the person-to-person fellowship they (and we!) certainly need. Thank God, we have a sprawling and beautiful campus which affords us many options for worship, meeting, and fellowship spaces. Our only limitation is our creativity and our willingness to be patient and flexible! Presently, there can be no indoor meetings as such for any of our parish ministries until we receive the green light from our Metropolis.

I have learned through this extended period of exile that Holy Trinity is tough, resilient, patient, and wise. We’ve been through challenges before and weathered them through our faith in Jesus Christ and our firm devotion to each other. Our mettle will again be tested and strengthened in the weeks and months ahead until a solution is found to the virus. The cancellation of our annual Greek Festival presents an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to the Cathedral in our stewardship offerings.

As the family of God at Holy Trinity, we will find numerous avenues to exhibit our love for Jesus Christ by meeting the needs of parish families impacted by the virus which has claimed its first victim in our parish family and which has afflicted many HT families. We are not immune to its effects but we have each other for support, prayer, encouragement, and material assistance. Our "Round the Clock Prayer Chain" ministry (Check our Cathedral website for details) allows us to come together in prayer as a parish family to intercede for the needs of the parish, our city, and the world.

Our collective efforts in this historic time will write a legacy of faith and action which our grandchildren may remember decades from now in reverent tones. Now is the time for the greatness of this Cathedral to be unveiled! May Almighty God give us the grace and the strength to rise to this challenge as the people of God and as members of the Holy Trinity family!
STEWARDSHIP AND A SUMMER WE WON’T SOON FORGET

Online Giving Makes Summer of Stewardship Easier

It’s safe to day, this summer has been like no other. Vacations canceled, All Saints Camp and Vacation Bible School canceled, braving the supermarket armed with a face mask and hand sanitizer. We had hoped to resume Sunday Liturgy in June but when Arizona’s numbers of daily infections skyrocketed even that was delayed. We are all doing our best to stay safe and healthy while remaining positive and hopeful.

What can we do to help and support our beloved Cathedral until we are able to return to regular worship and fellowship? We can do our part by reaching out to one another – checking in with a phone call, text or email. Set up a group FaceTime call or Zoom call just to be able to see one another’s faces.

Father and Alexander have done a remarkable job in keeping us connected through social media with daily prayers, Bible studies, Zoom chats. And now we are also including a Zoom fellowship hour following Sunday Liturgy on Facebook Live! It is our job to stay the course and participate as we are able and know that this is a temporary. Let us not despair! We encourage you to consider participating in these opportunities. Go to the church website for all the details and information: www.holytrinityphx.org.

Please also remember to continue your Stewardship payments as you are able. This is how you can help support and love your church. And because we are not physically attending church, there has never been a better time to sign up for online giving through WeShare. If you are not already taking advantage of this easy stewardship contribution program, please consider doing so. Visit the church website at www.holytrinityphx.org, scroll down toward the bottom and click on “WeShare.”

Below is a snapshot of where our Stewardship 2020 campaign stand as of July 16th. As a reminder, the 2020 budget was set for a Stewardship goal of $400,000.

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Stewardship statements will be sent out toward the end of August. Until then, let us all continue to pray for one another, pray for a vaccine and pray for those who are on the front lines and for those who are suffering from this awful virus. May God continue to bless us and keep us!
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Dimitrios Zistatis
Ann Zoukis
Welcome Back to Holy Trinity Cathedral!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the soon-to-be reopening of our beloved Cathedral! We do so, using an abundance of caution and copious preparations to keep everyone safe and healthy. Fully reopening the parish will occur utilizing a “phased-in” approach. We will begin at Phase 1 allowing for no greater than 50 participants. The phases of reopening are being conducted in accordance with guidelines from our Metropolis as well as the CDC, Arizona Department of Health, and the Arizona Governor’s Office.

Divine Liturgy services will resume at 9:30am. Date to be announced.
(There will not be Orthros services during Phase 1)

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Saturday, August 15th will be opened to our "seasoned" members 65 years and up and for any with compromised immune systems. The doors will be opened at 8:45am for the beginning of the Divine Liturgy at 9:00am for this group.

Here is What to Expect...

Prior to Your Arrival:
- **Registration is Required** – We can only allow 50 people inside the church per service. Therefore, each family must make a reservation to secure a seat by going to: https://tinyurl.com/HTLiturgy and filling out the required information. Each family member’s name who will be attending church must be included on the list.

  We have reserved a few spots only for our parishioners who are not comfortable with technology. Those people may call the church office at 602-264-7863 and speak with Diana Camacho or leave a message on the machine to secure their reservation. Please include first and last name, how many people from your household will be attending, the date of the church service, and a return phone number.

  For the Sunday services registrations must be made no later than noon on the Friday preceding each Sunday. Reservations may be made for only one Sunday at a time. Only family members residing in the same household will be seated together.

- **Stay Home if Ill** – If you or a family member is feeling ill, please stay home. Also, please stay at home if you or a family member in your household has been exposed to someone diagnosed with Covid19 within the past 2 weeks.

- **Take Your Temperature** – Please take your temperature at home before coming to church. Epidemiologists recommend anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher stay home.
• **Bring a Face Covering or Mask** – We ask each person to arrive with your own face covering or mask and it must be worn upon entering the church and the entire duration of being inside the Cathedral.

• **Download the Divine Liturgy** – All service books, prayers and bulletins have been removed from the pews. For those who wish to follow along, please download the Liturgy [www.goarch.org/chapel](http://www.goarch.org/chapel). The Liturgy can be downloaded in either Greek or English.

**Upon Your Arrival:**

• **Social Distance Greetings** – Please remain at least 6’ away from others at all times. This includes 6’ to the front, back, left, and right. Please refrain from embracing or touching other parishioners. Remember, this is not just for your safety but for the safety of your fellow parishioners.

• **Please use Hand Sanitizer** – Please use hand sanitizer prior to entering the Cathedral. Hand sanitizer stations will be available for use outside the Cathedral.

• **Follow the Signs** – Signage will direct you once you arrive. Please follow the signs and arrows placed on the ground and throughout the Cathedral.

• **Let us Guide You** – Your Parish Council members will be on duty to seat, guide, and direct you. Please follow directions and instructions from your Parish Council members. Remember to please be patient as we will be seating families together using social distancing measures.

• **Candles and Donations** – You can still light a candle in the Narthex and leave a donation, however, candles will be distributed to parishioners by the Parish Council members. Other donations or stewardship contributions can be placed in these baskets as well.

• **Venerating Icons** – Upon entering the Narthex, please refrain from using physical contact when venerating the icons.

**During Liturgy:**

• **No Trays Will be Passed** – We will not pass the offering trays during the service. We ask parishioners who wish to make their regular stewardship contribution or wish to make a donation, to please do so in the candle offering trays in the Narthex.

• **Communion** – Communion will be offered at the very end of Liturgy for those who are prepared to and wish to receive. As always, rows will be released by Parish Council members. Parishioners are asked to stay a minimum of 6’ apart from one another while waiting in line to receive communion. Please remain on the lines that are placed on the carpet down the center aisle. As you approach the chalice, place your hands over your chest, tilt your head back and Father will distribute communion in your mouth. Do not touch the spoon or cloth. Once you receive communion you will be directed by the Parish Council to one of the side doors to exit the church and proceed to your car. Please be prepared to not return to your pew once you receive communion. Antidoran will not be distributed during Phase 1. Parishioners who do not receive communion will be instructed to leave following communion through the side doors.
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• **Using the Restrooms** – Please use caution when using the restrooms in the Cathedral as they are small and have tight quarters. Please thoroughly wash hands and keep 6’ apart from others.
• **Paperless Worship** – All Liturgical books and prayers have been removed from the pews. Please feel free to follow along with the Liturgy on your cell phone.

**Upon Your Departure:**
• **Limit Gathering** – Upon the completion of Liturgy, please refrain from gathering in the Narthex or outside the Cathedral.
• **No Coffee Hour** – Coffee Hour will not be held during Phase 1.

*Please remember that this is temporary!* We understand that it is difficult and feels strange conducting Liturgy in this manner. Let us remember that this too shall pass and hopefully soon we will all return to our church without any restrictions. Until then we ask for your patience and compliance. And we encourage you to find ways to have fellowship with family and friends in a safe and healthy manner.

*May God Keep and Protect Us All!*

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

**LIVE-STREAMING INSTRUCTIONS**

If you have Facebook, “Like” our Facebook page [Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Phoenix, AZ](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityCathedralPhx/)
You will receive updates when we are live.

If you DO NOT have Facebook, go to [holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org) and follow the instructions on the home page.
Beloved Holy Trinity Family,

HOLY COMMUNION

What a joy it was to see those of you who partook of Holy Communion last Sunday at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy! How much taller our young ones have grown since mid-March! The process went very smoothly and it was an emotional experience simply to be together again after so long an exile!

Please remember that Holy Communion will again be offered this Sunday at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Council member will open the doors at 10:30 AM to welcome you inside from your vehicles. Please follow their directions and proceed down the center aisle to receive the Holy Gifts in the normal fashion before exiting right and left to the marked exit doors on the north and south transepts.

RESUMING PUBLIC WORSHIP

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Our first public Sunday Divine Liturgy will take place the next day, Sunday August 16th for the first 50 members who previously registered to attend the aborted service mid-June. If your name is on that list but you are unable to attend, kindly visit our website to remove your name to allow others to attend.

Please follow the helpful instructions of our council members and staff as they direct you to a seat (not necessarily "your" seat.) Holy Communion will be offered after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, allowing you to proceed directly to your vehicle from the transept doors. Others wishing to receive the Holy Gifts may again arrive at 10:30 AM.

LOOKING AHEAD

These arrangements reflect the guidelines we have received from our Metropolis COVID Response team and will morph if and as the virus continues to loosen its grip on the valley. Once we have accustomed ourselves to the processes outlined above, the valley GOA parishes will, in a coordinated way, begin to increase the number of communicants permitted in our services. We can accelerate this pace as we cheerfully embrace the process and encourage one another to return!

This is all very good news! We have also been given the blessing to resume sacraments, baptisms, chrismations, churchings, for small family groups. If your family has been waiting to schedule a sacrament, please call Diana in the office to begin the process.

May it be blessed, and we look forward to greeting you again on Sunday!

Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean
Message from Pastoral Assistant Alexander

Ministry in Unprecedented Times

As we prayerfully and hopefully look to re-open our church doors sometime in the near future, it’s time to also take a look at how our ministries will be re-opening as well! I’m sure you’ve seen on the news the questions about whether or not schools should re-open in the Fall and we are not close to the stage where our Metropolis guidelines allow anything except for Liturgical services. What does this mean for our bevy of ministries that usually start back up in Falls past? Well, it means we’re going to have to be creative.

We will not be able to have Sunday School until further notice, most likely until at least January (if you’d like to be a teacher or help in some capacity when we re-open, please email Father or me!). We will be continuing our Hope/Joy, Jr. Goya, Sr. Goya, and Young Adult meetings on Zoom for the time being as well. So what can we do to stay connected to our faith and each other?

I’d like to encourage you to come to the Zoom meetings, we have had some great times and fruitful discussions over the Summer and at the end of last school year. If you haven’t been, try one out! We also just announced our weekly social, parish-wide meetings after Liturgy on Zoom so we can stay connected in that way as well!

But what about Sunday School? What about our education in the faith? Well, Father and I are excited to announce that we will be beginning a series of talks after the Liturgy in the Fall to help supplement the sermon in the Liturgy while also giving us all a better understanding of our faith. This talk at the end will be about the same length as the sermon but will continue through the Fall in an organized manner to learn more about our topic. If this is well received we will be continuing this going forward, even when Sunday School resumes as well!

This is an unprecedented time for all of us, and yet times of discomfort also give us time for growth! We’re going to be trying new things to keep us connected to each other and to Christ. Some of these things will work, some will not, but please stay engaged and give us feedback for what works and what maybe we could try differently! May our Lord guide us all in this time and bring us together again as a church family to grow together and to Him.

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
JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2020—2021

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:

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ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

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$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

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

Hello from Deacon John

“Greetings From New York

We wish you all God’s grace and protection.

Our back yard:

Deacon John & Mary Thrasher”
Father on Instagram
The month of August celebrates the Dormition of the Theotokos.

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimisis) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.
ZOOM’ing through Greece

FAMILY CULTURAL NIGHT

Get your passports ready and join the Greek School every third Wednesday of the month for a fun family adventure to Greece. The 2-hour trip will include a family cooking class, arts and crafts with a cultural lesson, all through ZOOM. A special package with essentials (mason jar of dry ingredients/recipe/craft materials) will be delivered to each child, monthly.

8 Greek Adventures

Cost: $150 per family

Please contact for more information
Irene Dartoozos-Mackos
Phxgreekschool@gmail.com
Hello ZOOM’ing through Greece Parents!

Gabby and I are excited about teaching this year’s curriculum! We have some creative and fun activities in store. Each month your child will receive a package from us.

Please fill out the attached registration form and return by August 15, 2020. A check can be mailed to me or given to Gabby or me on our 1st delivery!

Hope to receive your form soon.

Best regards,
Irene and Gabby

INTERACTIVE

Fall Greek School will include 10 language classes and 4 cultural classes starting September 9th via ZOOM. Spring semester, 12 language and 4 cultural, will be re-evaluated in January.

Cultural Classes

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Contact

Irene Dartoozos-Mackos,
Volunteer Greek School Director
Phxgreekschool@gmail.com
During this down time the maintenance committee has still been hard at work. Along with the sanitization of our buildings these are just some of the projects complete:

**Lounge**—cleaned carpets, patched holes in bar walls, painted all walls.

**Kitchen**—patched and painted all walls, polished stainless steel appliances, cleaned all equipment, refurbished butcher block tables, installed new baseboards, installed new shelving, air vents cleaned.

**Cooler**—cleaned the walls and floor, refurbished all the food storage racks.

**Aux Kitchen**—assisted with replacement of new freezer condenser and fan cooling system.

**Cathedral Basement**—basement cleanout.

**Playground at CC**—removed the broken play equipment.

**Repairs**—repaired gates and damaged fencing on property.

**Lighting**—installed LED lighting in community center, stage, lounge, back patio and outside areas.

**Community Center**—replacement of damaged/missing ceiling tiles, windows cleaned, replaced broken door locks, power washed kitchen floors, sidewalks, patio, and courtyard by the office.

Paul & Dimitri have done great work for our property. The maintenance committee has many new projects to attend to so we will keep you posted on our progress.

**Stay safe all.**
Ted, Paul, Dimitri and Peter.

Contact:
Ted Fourlis
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Maintenance Committee
602-625-8835
htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com
Endowment Fund

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 $553,000.

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 on the next page. 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.

Endowment gifts over $10,000.00

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Endowment Fund

GIFT DONATION FORM

Please list my endowment gift as follows: ____________________________________________

Here is my Endowment gift, which I may add to, of $__________

I plan to include the Holy Trinity Endowment fund in my
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Signed:__________________________________________________________________________

Dated: __________
Donor, please sign and keep a copy for your records

*TOD = transfer on death

All gifts will be preserved in the archives of Holy Trinity Cathedral

Gifts of $10,000 or more may be made over a three year period.

Thank You, and + God Bless You + for your generosity.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral + 1973 E Maryland Phoenix AZ 85016

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Return this form to the Church Office or contact Kristen at 602-332-8809 or
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Security Grant Award

Our Holy Trinity Community has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the US Dept of Homeland Security. These funds are awarded to improve overall security of our Cathedral and campus buildings. Thanks to Phyllis Mack (Bette Maniatis' niece) and her friend Cam Kowal for completing the government application for Holy Trinity. Eleven of the forty one applications submitted from Arizona were awarded grants. Holy Trinity was one of five receiving the maximum $100,000 award.

These funds are awarded to improve the locks of our Cathedral, office, educational and other buildings plus improve some doors, install special burglary resistant film on Office & Educational Building windows, place bollards at the handicap drop off drive at the cathedral, install security camera on community center integrating into existing network, and install gate and fencing at the community center.

We are hoping to start work in the Fall subject to Covid-19 conditions and restrictions if any at that time.

Paul T. Katsenes
602-421-7200

Hellenic Foundation Scholarship Awards
Telis Evripidou, President of the Arizona Hellenic Foundation

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has awarded scholarships to the following students:

Vasiliki Laloudakis was awarded the AHEPA Chapter 454 scholarship. Vasiliki (Vika) is a 4-year scholarship recipient.

Eleni Debickero, Matthew Dye, Madeline Fraenkel, and Panayiotis Kostouros were first time recipients.

Our sincere congratulations to all recipients, and our best wishes for success as they advance in their studies.

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation is a non profit, tax exempt organization whose mission is to provide scholarships to eligible students, and to promote Hellenic culture in the State of Arizona. For more information visit our website Azhellenic.org.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Look for updates by email or at www.holytrinityphx.org
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

06/12/2020
Evelyn Hunter
*May her memory be eternal.*

07/10/2020
Christopher Gabriel/
Father Gregorios
*May his memory be eternal.*

07/31/2020
Athena Choukalas
*May her memory be eternal.*

Desert Diamonds
Senior Parishioners
and their guests

Dear Desert Diamonds

See you soon!

With Christ's love,

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

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](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/rain)

Sermons can also be found on the Cathedral website at [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org).
For sixteen years I have had the privilege of being the director of Holy Trinity Academy. During this time I have met and got to know many wonderful families and their amazing children, most of whom I still have relationships with. As you have heard me say many times that once you are part of the HTA Family you will always be a part of the HTA Family. I have also had the privilege to work with amazing people – most notably, Father Apostolos Hill. He has been a wonderful boss and the biggest kid I have had the pleasure to be around!

It has always been my personal philosophy to instill a love of learning that will last a lifetime. Other than being a mother, teaching children has been my truest calling and I believe my God given talent. Over the years we have created an environment that is academically challenging, safe, loving, nurturing, and most of all fun, which is why this article is so very hard. However, sometimes God gives you an opportunity to pause and reset and if we are paying attention, then we have to listen to what He has to say.

We have all been affected by the recent COVID-19 pandemic that has resulted in loss of jobs, economic fall out, business closures, and many who have experienced the loss of loved ones, me included. With guidelines on safe school openings continually changing, a downturn of student enrollment and the uncertainty of where this disease is going, we have made the very difficult decision to suspend operations of the academy until further notice. Sometimes the most difficult decisions are the most correct for the greater good. For us personally it is a proactive measure to protect the integrity of Holy Trinity Academy.

It has been my greatest pleasure to teach your children and be a part of their early childhood development – to recognize every gift they possess and nurture their talents with God’s love and guidance. I love you all very much and will miss you more than you know. Thank you for allowing me into your lives.

Holy Trinity Academy continued on page 25

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you to all of
the families
and so many
others for your
support,
dedication and
loyalty to me,
and especially
to HTA. You
will forever be
part of the
colorful tapestry we have woven together over the
years.

HTA Students 2002-2020

Marina Alevizos
Anastasia Arger
Eva and Peter Bambakidas
Giana Benetos
Yiolanda Berger
Haley and Lola Branch
Melena and Sofia Brnovich
Lemlem, Loza, and Jonathan Brooks
George Castro
Juliza Cervantes
Ryan, Jack, and Katie Choukalas
Anthony, Gabby, Adriana, and Michael Chronis
Mikela and Yiorgo Cooper
Sanya Dick-Bassi
Maia and Marsel Dimitriades
Anna and Bradley Dubois
Zoe and Anna Ehrick
Eleni Economopoulos
Sofia and Katherine Economopoulos
Briseis Estrada
Isabelle Exline
Finn Fanning
Braeden, Hanna, and Zeffrey Ferman
Haley Fowble
Thaddeus Frye
Emma Gannos
Mila Golubovic-Dawson
Abigail Fritsch
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My Wish for You

My Sweet Littles,

My wish for you is joy and love, kindness and patience too. You are smart and amazing and can be anything you want if you try and work hard. Remember your talents and tools to succeed as you grow into Middles and then off to Bigs. May your path be true and know that you are truly in my heart today, tomorrow and always.

With all my love,
Mrs. Juli
August Meeting Cancelled

 OUR NEXT MEETING

 September 17
 6:30pm

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

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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!

Paulina Watson
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Dianna Scaccia
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HTC Boys Rescue Others

Click Here for ABC News Report
Click Here for Metropolis Article
Youth Online

Thank you to those who have been joining our weekly youth Zoom calls!

In an effort to make meetings more accessible, we’re moving the zoom calls to Sundays.....starting this week! (No, God does not take Summer vacation!)

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

Youth Activities with Father

Daily Youth Classes with Fr. Apostolos on Instagram 3:00 pm

Please have your children go to Fr. Apostolos Hill’s Instagram account to hear his daily lessons.
Enter: Fr. Apostolos Hill to access his Instagram account
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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).

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