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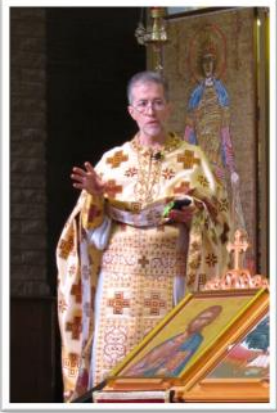
### ON THE COVER:

photo by Paul & Dimitri Valonis  
from the top of the scissor-lift that  
was used to update the Cathedral  
lighting.



# Message from Father Apostolos

## Defiance



Sometimes the best replies are short ones. Such was the case on 28 October 1940 when the Prime Minister of Greece was handed an ultimatum to allow Italy's Fascist troops free passage through Greece's northern border. Perhaps it was that Ioannis Metaxas was grumpy at being wakened at 3:00 AM to receive Italy's Ambassador, Emanuele Grazzi, bearing such an odious dispatch. In all events, Metaxas crumpled the telegram and turning to his guest said "Alors, c'est la guerre!" or "Then, it is war!"

As word of this courageous retort swept through Greece, the citizens gathered in the streets and plazas shouting "OXI!" (or "No" in Greek.) Her short-lived neutrality shattered, Greece committed herself to resisting the AXIS encroachment by whatever means at her disposal. The cost for Greece's intransigence would be bloody.

Pilgrims visiting the beautiful Monastery of "The Great Cave," in Patras can spy the large white cross at the top of the mountain upon which the monastery rests. It was from this spot that the Abbott and the brotherhood were hurled to their deaths by a German SS Division intent on wreaking revenge in a bloody reprisal raid into the Peloponnisos.



The picturesque town of Kalavrita, 87 kms away, is the site of a further atrocity meted out by the SS. On 13 December 1943, 696 boys and men were assembled as if departing for a work detail. Instead, they lined up along the hillside and slaughtered where they stood. It was my honor to conduct a memorial service with the priest of the parish in Kalivrita when I visited these sacred grounds in 2004. Venerating the blood-stained prayer book the priest was holding as he fell with the other victims was a sobering experience.

The ferocity of the resistance to the Fascist's invasion of Crete in the spring of 1941 was so stiff and the losses so daunting for the Germans, that Hitler never again attempted an airborne assault and an entire German Army Group was needed to pacify the Island throughout the war. After this display of tenacity, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill would state to the House of Commons; *"The word heroism I am afraid does not render the least of those acts of self-sacrifice of the Greeks, which were the defining factor in the victorious outcome of the common struggle of the nations, during WWII, for the human freedom and dignity. If it were not for the bravery of the Greeks and their courage, the outcome of WWII would be undetermined."*

And it all began with the cry of "no" resounding in the streets.

Hellenes can look back with pride on these epic events now fast receding into the mists of time, though God forbid that they should be forgotten. Tyranny and bondage can never be suffered to flourish. Larger nations cannot be free to trample the rights of smaller ones. The powerful and wealthy cannot be allowed to dispossess the poor. And while this elemental truth is easily understood in a martial or material sense, it is no less true when applied to our interior lives.

When Jesus announces the beginning of His earthly ministry in His boyhood Synagogue of Nazareth, He

*Fr. Apostolos' Message continued on page 4*

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opened the Torah to the Prophecy of Isaiah and read *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."*

Writing to his Hebrew brethren, St. Paul describes the accomplishment of Jesus' mission; *"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself (Jesus) likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*

This theme of freedom from tyranny and bondage is remembered every time the Holy Gifts are offered by the priest before the Divine Liturgy in the prayer, *"By Your crucifixion, O Christ, tyranny was abolished, the power of the enemy was nullified, for it was neither man nor an angel, but the Lord Himself who saved us. Glory to You, O Lord."*

This Orthodox Christian Faith we hold is not for the timid and faint of heart. Ioannis Metaxas could have shrugged and gone back to his bed 71 years ago, content to kiss the chains that Greece's oppressor would only too happily have forged for the Greek people. Had he done so, their mettle would not have been tested and their memory not become synonymous with stubborn courage in the face of insurmountable odds.

In the same vein, Jesus upon hearing the news of the beheading of St. John the Baptist, remarked; *"The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force."* Jesus reminds us that the quest for eternal salvation requires energy, asceticism, and sacrifice. Those who will ultimately gain the crown of Life will be those who persevere in the face of fierce opposition to the day-to-day living out of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

It is said that "fortune favors the bold." May that same spirit of holy boldness which infused the Greeks of the War years be found in us as we surmount the challenges of living out the Holy Orthodox Faith in our homes and parishes in these trying times.

Father Apostolos Hill | Dean

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### Parish Assembly Meeting Official Notice

If you see your name on the [House of Stewards](#) list on pages 31 & 32, you are a member in good standing and eligible to participate in our upcoming Parish Assembly meetings on **Sunday, October 31st** and **Sunday, December 12th** at the Speros Community Center, immediately following Divine Liturgy. Agenda and more information to follow.

# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



*To be a welcoming community sharing Christ's love  
through faith and service*

## STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

The following is a testimonial from **Alexander Harding**, a recent convert to Orthodoxy and member of our Cathedral. Alexander is a member of the Stewardship Committee, leader of our Young Adult League ministry, member of AHEPA, and leads one of our Narthex teams. As a recent convert to Orthodoxy, Alexander shares with us his fresh and enthusiastic perspective on what stewardship means to him. Enjoy!

It has been just over one year since my Chrismation and official entry into the Greek Orthodox Church. I found the Orthodox Church through two avenues. The first was a project for my capstone class on Theology during my time at Grand Canyon University. The second, was the invitation by friends and now family I made while I lived in Colorado. The shock and awe that overwhelmed me during my first visit was inspiring, but that did not compare to the outreach, care, and welcoming by the folks at the parish in Denver. They brought me into the parish, taught me, and brought me to various gatherings and events where I could make meaningful connections with others and experience the love of Christ.

This, my brothers and sisters, is the true meaning of Stewardship. It is not all finances and meetings. Stewardship is outreach and warm-hearted fellowship with each other and those who seek out our faith and way of life for truth and purpose. Stewardship is the method in which we care for one another and for others. The stewardship that we mean to fund and participate in various programs and ministries is actually stewardship of our fellow Children of God.

As I have been cared for by so many Orthodox Christians in my time, so too do I mean to pay that sentiment forward. It is my duty that I use my time, efforts, and resources to tithe to the furthering of the Kingdom of God. This is the charge of ALL Christians. Our stewardship funds and keeps alive the Holy Church. Stewardship is the Holy Spirit moving in us to care for all God's creation. Let us remember what Paul wrote to James:

*"What good is it my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:14-17)*

As a Christian, I am called to be better every day. To improve myself and extend the love of the Lord to everyone around me. We should always strive to better ourselves and we all have roles to play. Some find the courage to be priests, others serve in monastic life. Some still go on missionary travels or set up charities by which to advance the communities in which they live. Financially and practically, we are all called to participate in the service to the Kingdom of Heaven. Take part in ministry, join us in service in the Narthex, greeting all who walk through our doors. They are doors which welcome all who seek the Lord. Enroll your children in Sunday School. It is a time for our next generation to learn about Godly love and how to express it. Take part in all things the Church does, as all ministries support a higher purpose. Finally, consider financial support to the Church and all her ministries. These funds help to maintain and serve in a myriad of ways. Let us work together, care for one another, and bring the love of God to all in our lives.

*"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead" (James 2:26)*

# Endowment Fund

## + THE HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL 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 inviolable 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-nine 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 \$593,140.

*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.**

*We are extremely grateful to those who have made sacrificial donations for the perpetual benefit of Holy Trinity Cathedral*

### + ENDOWMENT GIFTS OVER \$10,000.00 +

Gabriel & Helen Papagallos  
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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 Will \_\_\_\_, my Living Trust \_\_\_\_, or TOD\* \_\_\_\_

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

## Visit from Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostom

Grandson of Parishioners Rita & Chris Bruskas  
September 12, 2021



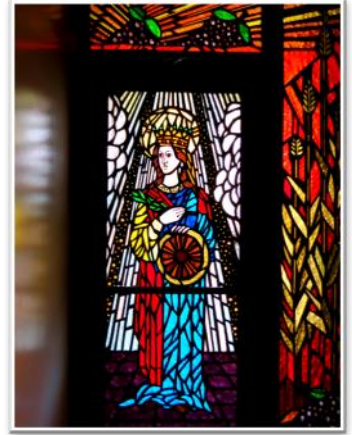
# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

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.



**October Meeting on  
Thursday, October 14, 2021  
6:30pm  
Speros Community Center**



September 2021 Meeting

### The 2021-2023 Board:

PRESIDENT - Alex Anagnopoulos  
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ADVISOR - Mary Louise Theodoropoulos  
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Julie Mamani, Zoe Pestrivas,  
Connie Venetis

## JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 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:*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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 2021, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos



## Chapter Focus on Local Charities

In an effort to engage our membership in the Philoptochos mission to 'Help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disaster', and to expand involvement locally, we include, as a new part of our monthly program, **the opportunity for members to formally nominate and select charity recipients.**

Bill Marianes, who assisted with the Cathedral's "Why Statement", reminds us that **the more money extended out into our community, the more we will realize from the community back into our church.**

The Chapter will accept nominations at each monthly meeting.

Philoptochos Members:  
[Click HERE for the Nomination Form](#)



Thank you to September hostesses Mary Louise Theodoropoulos, Alex Anagnopoulos, and Georgi Frie!h!



September's Chosen Charity:  
Waste Not AZ  
<https://www.wastenotaz.org/>

# Important Festival Information

*We are just days away from our Festival  
and there is much work to be done  
and so much to celebrate!*



As most of you know there was discussion about whether or not to cancel our Festival again this year due to the recent uptick in Covid cases. It was important to all of us to find a way to move forward with our Festival and keep our parishioners and patrons as safe as possible. Your Parish Council met for nearly three hours and painstakingly discussed and gave thoughtful consideration to the situation at hand. Within our church family there are a variety of perspectives and positions on how to conduct our Festival. Even amongst our council members, there are differing opinions and perspectives. We understand everyone may not agree with the end result of the mitigation plan but we are asking for everyone's support and cooperation in order to move forward with our Festival. It is important that we work together as a church family to follow through and execute these measures so that we can clearly publicize them to the public. The plan is outlined below. We look forward to another successful Original Phoenix Greek Festival. OPA!

## 2021 Greek Festival Mitigation Plan

### Volunteers

- o Those who are vaccinated will provide proof of your vaccination card to your booth leader. The booth leader will accept proof of vaccination and submit that to the Mitigation Team. The Mitigation Team will submit to Natalie who will create a spreadsheet to be filed in the church office.
- o If not vaccinated, a negative Covid test 72 hours prior must be provided to your booth leader which will be submitted on the spreadsheet.
- o Masks outside are strongly recommended and are available.
- o Masks must be worn indoors by all volunteers.
- o We will follow Arizona Department of Health regulations for food handlers which includes gloves and a food handler card.
- o Volunteers are to immediately report to their booth leader should they feel ill and a decision will be made whether or not they can continue to work.
- o Booth leaders will work together to communicate needs for additional staff if needed using GroupMe

### Transportation

Masks are required on the buses from Charles Schwab to the Cathedral due to Federal Transportation Code requirements.

### Distancing

- o Physical distance between tables
- o Move as many vendors outside as possible.
- o Reduce the number of inside food lines from 4 to 3 to allow for less people inside the hall and create one way flow of traffic.

### Sanitation

- o Hand washing and sanitizing stations will be available throughout the Festival.

### Vendors

Will adhere to the same requirements as volunteers for masking and proof of vaccination or negative Covid test,

### Signage for Patrons

- o Masks are highly recommended and available
- o If you are experiencing symptoms of Covid, we ask that you not enter the festival

### Mitigation Team

Sandy Meris, Dina Anagnopoulos, Terri Vaughn, and Andi Fournalis with backing of Parish Council

## Festival Covid Testing At Holy Trinity's Speros Community Center **\*FREE\***

If you work in a Festival booth you **MUST** give your booth chairman a copy of your Vaccination Card OR have a Covid Test with Negative Results within 72 hours of the Festival to show to your booth chairman.

We have arranged for **Free\*** Covid Tests for all of you on  
Monday, October 4th & Tuesday, October 5th  
from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in our Community Center.

*Just come on in!*

\*Bring your health insurance card  
or for those people who have no insurance provide your driver's license  
and Social Security card/number.

**No out of pocket cost for the test.**

Premier Lab Solutions is a Phoenix based, high complexity laboratory offering PCR Covid 19 testing. The test is a anterior nasal swab with results within 24 to 48 hours for your booth chairman. They accept all insurance plans. No out of pocket costs -- Free to you!  
Don't forget your health insurance card or your SS# and driver's license.

## Food Handler Cards for the Festival

We need help with volunteers willing to get their Food Handler Card for the Festival. If you are willing and able please go to: [efoodcard.com](http://efoodcard.com) or call 888-243-0222. The process is easy and a great way to help out with our Festival. Once you get your card, please keep a copy for yourself and provide a copy to the Church office where they are kept on file. Thank you in advance!



# OCTOBER 8-10, 2021

GREEK FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING & MORE

**FRIDAY, OCT 8**  
5pm - 10pm

**SATURDAY, OCT 9**  
11am - 10pm

**SUNDAY, OCT 10**  
11am - 6pm

**HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**

1973 E. Maryland, Phoenix | [phoenixgreekfestival.org](http://phoenixgreekfestival.org) |

### ADMISSION

**\$5.00** - for an entire day of fun

Children under 12 free

Seniors over 60:

**FREE Saturday** from

11:00am - 3:00pm

\*No pets permitted (service dogs excluded)

### PARKING

**Free Parking** at

Charles Schwab -  
24th St. & Lincoln.

Shuttles every 15 minutes

**\$5.00** to park in  
church parking lot



## EAT . DANCE . SHOP . PLAY

Authentic Greek Food • Homemade Pastries • Taverna with Greek Beer & Wines  
Greek Dancing • Live Greek Music • Art, Jewelry & More • Village Market  
Hellenic Museum of Phoenix • Cathedral Tours • Children's Rides & Activities

**THE LONGEST-RUNNING AND LARGEST ORIGINAL GREEK FESTIVAL IN THE VALLEY.**

# Proclamation

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
★  
COMMENDATION

*Be it known to all that I,  
Douglas A. Ducey,  
Governor of the State of Arizona,  
do hereby offer my sincere recognition to*

## *Phoenix Greek Festival*

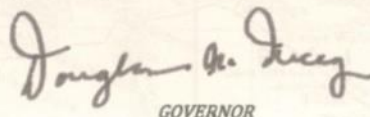
*in celebration of their 60th Anniversary on October 8th - 10th.*

*Arizona was not yet the 48th state in 1909 when the first Greeks arrived in the dusty but bustling City of Phoenix, population 11,134. Ever since, the State of Arizona has had a booming population and recognition of Greek culture.*

*Thousands of Arizona residents come together to embrace Greek culture at this event. The Phoenix Greek Festival donates a portion of the proceeds and has benefitted a myriad of local charities.*

*On behalf of the citizens of Arizona, I offer my sincere appreciation for all you do for the community. Best wishes for many more years to come.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand,  
done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this  
Twenty-Fourth day of September in the Year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

  
GOVERNOR

# Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 8, 9, & 10, 2021

You knew it was coming, but here it is officially, see you in October!



PHOENIXGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG

Home - The Original Phoenix Greek Festival

Click [HERE](#) for the  
[Original Phoenix Greek Festival Site!](#)

## 2021 Greek Festival is On!

The longest-running, largest ethnic festival in the Valley resumes with Greek food, music, dancing, jewelry, art, grocery items and activities for kids at the

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Speros Community Center  
1973 E. Maryland Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Friday, Oct. 8, 5pm – 10pm

Saturday, Oct. 9, 11am – 10pm

Sunday, Oct. 10, 11am - 6pm

Admission \$5.00 for an entire day of food and fun. Children under 12 free.

Seniors 60+ free Saturday 11am – 3pm only.

For information, please go to [www.phoenixgreekfestival.org](http://www.phoenixgreekfestival.org).

The Phoenix Greek Festival is run entirely by volunteers. Proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral ministries, including youth programs that build camaraderie, character and commitment to community. The philanthropic arm of the church aids UMOM, Kids 'n' Cancer and other community charities.



Volunteering leads to good times with family, old friends, and newly-made friends!

*Desert Springs October 2021*

# Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 8, 9, & 10, 2021

## FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL



Our Friends of the Festival 2021 campaign is well underway.

Thank you to those listed below who have donated so far.

The deadline to donate is Thursday, September 30th. Help us

to make our **60th Anniversary Friends of the Festival** our biggest and best ever!

### **PLATINUM**

**Hon. Connie Contes (Ret.) & Hon. Hercules Alexander Dellas**  
**Pete & Kim Choukalas Family**  
**On behalf of CivTech Inc**  
**Charles DeMoss IMO Kai Henning Pederson**  
**Marjorie, John, Alexa and Costa Demoss IMO Alexandra Sampson**  
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**The Manelis family**  
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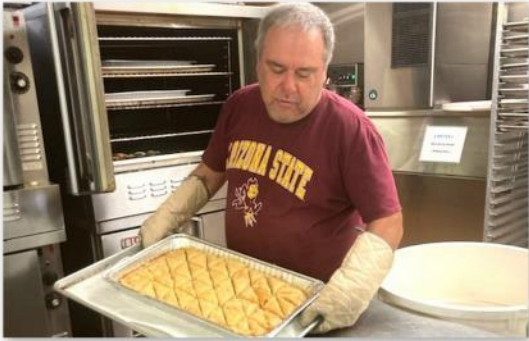
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Donations as of 9/28/21

# Festival Baking

September Production Variety

Photos by various community members





# Festival Prep!

September 25, 2021

# Next Build Day on October 2nd!



# Parish Charity Project

## Arizona Helping Hands

Holy Trinity is sponsoring a community-wide outreach project for AZ Helping Hands, an amazing organization that supports children in foster care. AZ Helping Hands provides essential needs for over 4000 children in foster care per year, which includes over 150,000 diapers per year. We are collecting diapers/pull-ups (all sizes) and wipes as well as new and gently used children's clothing (sizes infant to 16 youth). We will also accept monetary donations which will assist the organization in purchasing supplies. (Checks made out to Arizona Helping Hands). You can place your donations in collection boxes which are set up in the Narthex, Church office, and James A. Speros Community Center.

For any questions, contact Dina Anagnopoulos at [dina.aggie@yahoo.com](mailto:dina.aggie@yahoo.com). Additional information on AZ Helping Hands can be found at [www.azhelpinghands.org](http://www.azhelpinghands.org).



Help make a difference for children in foster care!



# DIAPER DRIVE

In an average week, Arizona Helping Hands provides 3,000+ diapers and 2,500+ wipes to children in foster care.

 <b>COLLECT</b> Diapers, pull-ups, and wipes (all sizes)	 <b>DONATE</b> A \$100 donation provides diapers and wipes for four children in foster care.	 <b>SHOP</b> View our Amazon Wish List available at <a href="http://azhelpinghands.org/wishlist">azhelpinghands.org/wishlist</a> .
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**DROP OFF YOUR DONATION IN ONE OF OUR COLLECTION BOXES**

FOLLOW US @azhelpinghands    	3110 East Thunderbird Road, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ 85032	<a href="http://azhelpinghands.org">azhelpinghands.org</a> 480.889.0604
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Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization (QFCO #10003)

# Altar Boys

Contact Chris Francis at [battersbox7@yahoo.com](mailto:battersbox7@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners  
and their guests



Dear Desert Diamonds and Friends,

Praying that all is well with you and yours. Many thanks to our members that attended our September Brunch! It was wonderful seeing you!

For the month of October, the hall has been reserved for us to have a Potluck luncheon. Mark your calendars for October 14th, 2021 at 11:30am. Please plan to attend, I have a surprise for that day. More to follow.

We have had an anonymous donation to our Ministry. Many thanks to our "Angel"!!!

With Christ's love,  
Julie Karoutas  
email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com)  
cell: 623-313-8720 call or text

PS: Please be sure to invite your friends



Some of the brunch attendees at First Watch on 09/13/2021.

## Attention Organizations:

Please check the Organization Contacts listings on page 2 of this issue and confirm that the information is correct, including contact name. Email is the default contact type, but listings can be changed to texting or telephoning if preferred.



Email any changes to both the Office at [AdminAssist@holytrinityphx.org](mailto:AdminAssist@holytrinityphx.org) and Kristen at [kvasilarakos@cox.net](mailto:kvasilarakos@cox.net).

It is the organization's responsibility to inform Natalie and Kristen of any updates to your listing.

*Thank you!*

# Sunday School

Kathy New, Director

Sunday Schools is Back!

Sunday School has returned! Please register your children by clicking [here!](#)



## Sunday School

For the first time in many years, all classes will be held in the Education Building.

Register your children today, now on-line!  
Click [here](#) to complete the registration form!

Our new director, Kathy New is excited to lead us with the aid of our former director, Kalli Schneider and Fr. Alexander Eliades, and advised by Dr. Andi Furlis (Superintendent of Mesa Schools).

Supplemented by an exciting new curriculum and a new crop of teachers, it sure to be a fruitful year for our youth to learn about their faith! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in some capacity, please contact Fr. Alexander.



# Ministry Sunday

September 12, 2021



# Small Group Ministry Meetings

*"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst."*  
Matthew 18:20



Home-base Small Group Ministry has been a part of the Christian experience from the very beginning. St. Luke writes the the first Christians *"met together in the Temple day by day and shared their meals together in different homes, sharing their food happily and freely."* Personal relationships are the cornerstone of Christian life as we seek to imitate the love Christ has for us to the entire world.

Do you ever feel like the Cathedral is a bit large and you don't even know who the fellow parishioner is that that has sat in the pew across from you for 4 years and at this point you're too afraid to ask? Simply new to the parish and want to get to know others better?

Our Holy Trinity Cathedral is pleased to launch our own Home-based Small Group Ministry this fall to better facilitate these relationships in our parish family! Fellowship and relationship-building is the aim of this ministry as we share our love for and faith in Jesus Christ as Orthodox Christians.

We have a wonderful blueprint for our meetings that will make our times together wonderfully fruitful. Thank God, we already have four host families to get us started! Each group is free to establish its own meeting schedule and format as we get to know our newer parish members or expand our circle of friends. If you are interested in being a host or participating let us know! Training will be provided for leaders so have no fear to take on the task!

Email Fr. Apostolos by [clicking here](#) to join a group or lead!

**METROPOLIS**  
**E-News**

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*to Subscribe!*

# Music Ministry “Notes”

By Terri Alexon, Choir Director



## NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021



*Rejoice, unfading rose. Rejoice, birth-giver of the aromatic balm of the King of all.  
Rejoice, O Bride unwedded, the world's salvation.*

*-From The Akathist Hymn-*



HONORING  
CHURCH MUSICIANS  
ACROSS THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA



NATIONAL FORUM OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS

## National Church Music Sunday



Each year on the first Sunday in October, parishes across America celebrate National Church Music Sunday. This is a day we set aside to honor the contributions of clergy, chanters, choir directors, choir members, and other musicians, educators, and composers who serve or who have served in a parish music ministry. This commemoration was inaugurated in 1982 by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, and has been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros.

One of the most prolific and respected hymnographers of the Orthodox Church is St. Romanos the Melodist who is the patron saint of church musicians. He is credited with composing thousands of hymns that have enriched our worship services. The most well-known work of St. Romanos is the Kontakion hymn celebrating the Nativity of the Lord, "I Parthenos Simeron," and the Akathist Hymn, which we still sing during Salutations services of Great Lent.

St. Romanos was a Syrian Christian who lived in the sixth century and was a convert to Orthodoxy from Judaism. He was ordained a deacon and served in the Church of Beirut. Unlike other hymnographers, St. Romanos wrote his hymns in simple language and produced a pleasant meter in the verse by the way he accented words, appealing to the hearts of the people. As a result, he was called "Glykofonos" or "Sweet Singer." St. Romanos died on October 1<sup>st</sup> in 510 A.D.

As Orthodox Christians, we are thankful for the profound work of St. Romanos, who deserves to be recognized by all who sing and by all who listen to the beautiful and inspiring hymnology of our services.

## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Music Ministry

### Clergy

Rev. Ekonomos Apostolos Hill, Proistamenos  
Presbyter Father Alexander Eliades  
Deacon John Thrasher



### Cantors

George Duvall, First Cantor  
Joshua Pardhe  
Elizabeth Pardhe Daniel Valenzuela

### Cathedral Choir

Terri Alexon, Director  
Greg Lizanich, Assistant Director  
Terry Seretis, Organist

Evan Alexon	Susie Papadopoulos
Natalia Bakavelou	Mary-Helen Russell
Sharon Daniolos	Margaret Scopelianos
Basil Davis	Alana Stoutenburg
Tessa Clark	Tristan Stoutenburg
Marianna Kaneris	Billy Tavlarides
Roula Kaneris	Mary Louise Theodoropoulos
Nick Marino	Grace Wombacher
Olivia Bakavelou	Zoe Wombacher
Katerina Michalak	Alexa Wood
Kathy New	Tina Zannis

## In Memoriam

*"The choir of saints has found the source of life and the gateway to paradise..." Psalm 119:12*

Tiffani Bichekas	Anna Nikolatos
Ted Demos	Zachary Panagos
Jim Devolites	Gabriel Papagalos
George Dimitropoulos	Helen Papagalos
Mary Fraenkel	Albert Pavasil
Elena Haita	Dorothy Pavasil
Nick Harris	Trifon Petrouleas
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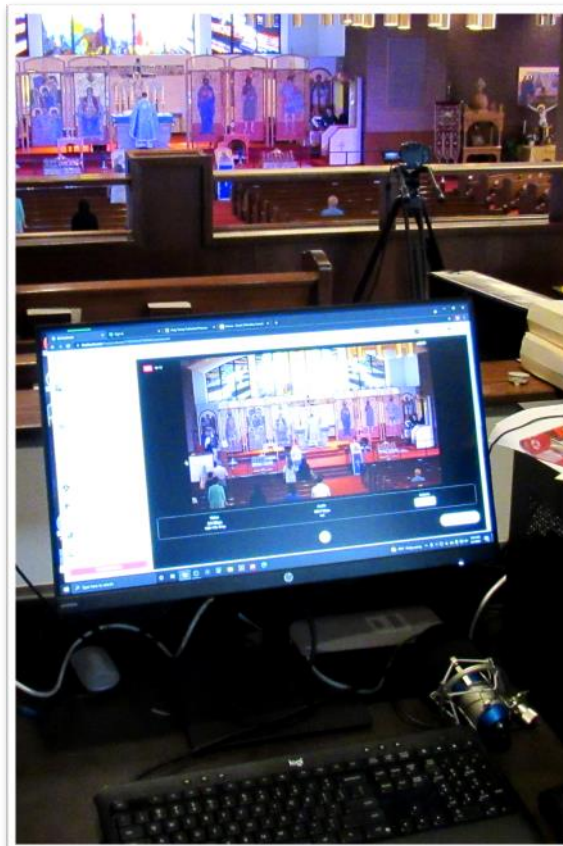
**May their memory be eternal!**



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

All services can now be found on the  
**Home Page** of the  
Cathedral's website  
[www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org),  
in addition to the continued postings  
on our Facebook page.

Thank you to Tom Giatron and Joshua Pardhe for their  
above-and-beyond efforts to bring  
clear and timely video to all!



## *Desert Springs* Issues Available to Our Seniors

or the computer-challenged!

In an effort to reach our whole Parish Community with Cathedral news, issues of the *Desert Springs* will be available for FREE to those in our community who do not own or use a computer, tablet, or smart phone or would prefer to read the news in hard-copy print. Submit names to the Church Office or call or text Kristen at 602-332-8809.

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Enjoy color copies of Holy Trinity Cathedral's *Desert Springs* delivered to you!

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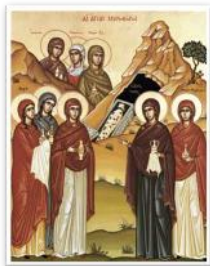
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# Our Church Family

## 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



**09/07/2021**

Colonel Kai-Henning Pedersen  
*May his memory be eternal.*

**09/27/2021**

James Karros  
*May his memory be eternal.*



## 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.

## Liturgics Course for Parish Music Leaders in Metropolis of San Francisco

The Metropolis Church Music Ministry is offering a comprehensive Liturgics Course, tailored to the needs of our Metropolis parish music leaders—the head chanters and directors of adult and youth choirs and those who aspire to those roles. The Liturgics course will include eight (8) sessions beginning on Wednesday, **September 29 through December 15 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**, Pacific Time via Zoom. The curriculum will cover the basic structure, content, and theology of the liturgical services of the Orthodox Church, focusing on the central daily liturgical cycle of Divine Liturgy, Vespers, and Matins (*Orthros*). For more information, please email [SF Church Music](mailto:SF Church Music).

## What YOU Can Do to Make Visitors Feel Welcome

Have you noticed new faces? We’ve had many visitors stop by lately. Some are Orthodox and visiting from other Parishes, some are returning to Orthodoxy after a long time away, and some are coming to check out Orthodoxy for the very first time. No matter how they come to us, let’s make sure we say Hello!

“Welcome! I don’t believe we’ve met yet. My name is (your name)” is a great start. Offer to socially distance walk with them to Coffee Hour. A personal connection goes far!



## Masks Appreciated

In accordance with current CDC guidance, the Holy Trinity community strongly recommends that everyone (vaccinated and unvaccinated) wear face masks inside the Church. As a reminder, my mask is for you and yours is for me. In this time of high transmission of a highly infectious strain, we have the opportunity to show our Christianity and wear masks to make the community as safe as it can be. This is a time for the parishioners of Holy Trinity to practice empathy and compassion for our most vulnerable members—our youth, those not vaccinated, and those who are vaccinated but immune compromised (and therefore at elevated risk levels). Thank you!

Fr. Apostolos & Fr. Alexander

## Parish Council Upcoming Elections

In the fall of each year, we Holy Trinity Cathedral Stewards elect up to five new Parish Council members.

If you are interested or have any questions about running for the Parish Council, please contact Natalie in the Cathedral office 602-264-7863 and we can provide you with the application.



*“To be a welcoming community sharing Christ’s love through faith and service.”*

## Coffee Hours

Thank you to **Sunday School** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in August and **OPA** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in September.



The October Coffee Hours will be sponsored by **Choir and the Music Ministry**.

## Donations

We greatly value all your donations! Please remember, when you write us a check, to include your **intention for the donation and your envelope number in the memo line**. i.e. stewardship, candles, etc.

*Thank you all!*



## Circle of Angels

Please let Philoptochos’ **Circle of Angels** know of any parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would appreciate a telephone call or a visit.

Contact Lois Sakkas at 602-717-9097 or Mary Poulakidas at 602-349-6466.

## HTC on Facebook

The page offers news of our Parish Community, in addition to offering links to podcasts and videos of our services.

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



# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou



## Saint Thomas the Holy and Glorious Apostle Commemorated on October 6

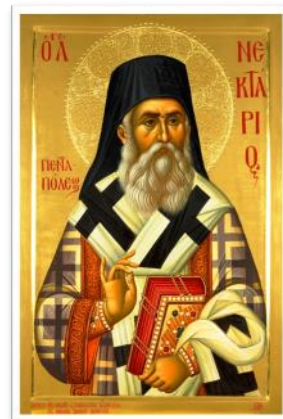
The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.



**ST. NECTARIOS  
BOOKSTORE**

Starting April 4  
St. Nectarios Bookstore  
will be open every Sunday  
following Divine Liturgy  
for 30 minutes

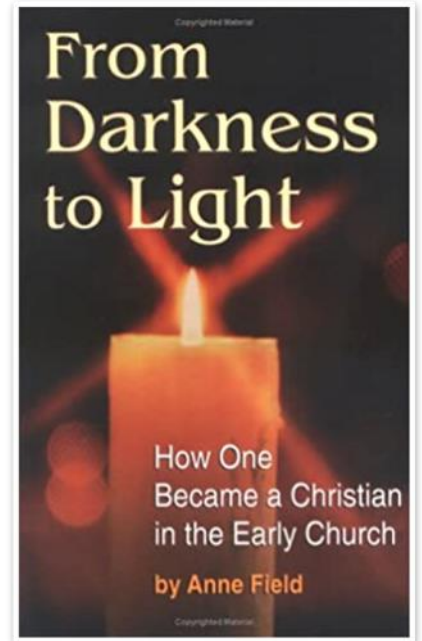


# Parish-wide Catechism

## *From Darkness to Light*

How did one become a Christian in the Early Church? How did Church Fathers such as St. John Chrysostom, St. Cyril of Alexandria, and St. Ambrose of Milan teach the Orthodox Faith to new converts? What did the process of embracing Jesus Christ entail in the Apostolic Age and what were new converts expected to learn?

Anne Field has compiled these early Christian texts from the Holy Fathers into a single volume we will begin examining in September in our Parish-wide Catechism Ministry. The book can be found [here](#) or from other online sources. **Fr. Apostolos will teach this weekly one-hour Zoom class Saturdays at 9:00am for 10 weeks starting in September.**



Parish-wide Catechism is provided for our entire parish family, catechumens and seekers and for everyone eager to continually explore the Holy Orthodox Faith and to deepen their love for and knowledge of God! If you are interested, [email Fr. Apostolos here!](#)

# Bible Study: Paul's Pastoral Letters to Timothy and Titus

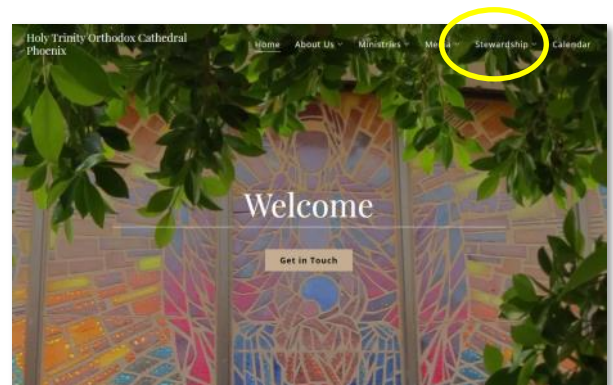
When we list off the books of the New Testament we tend to fall off after we finish all the names of the cities that Paul wrote to: Corinthians, Thessalonians, Colossians, etc. but we do ourselves a great disservice to stop here. In the 3 "Pastoral Epistles" of Paul written to his disciples Timothy and Titus, we read unique and powerful letters about the Church, doctrine, and praxis. Paul's letters to two of his disciples who he loved so deeply grant us a different approach to understanding our faith than his other letters.



Join Fr. Alexander as we journey through these letters and learn what it means to, "preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2). Bible Study will take place every **Monday evening at 7pm starting September 13** in a hybrid format. Fr. Alexander will be in the Church Office Conference Room while also offering a log-in on Zoom for those unable to join in person. If you are interested, [email Fr. Alexander by clicking here!](#)

# Easy Stewardship Sign Up!

Go to [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org) and then click on **Stewardship**



## OCTOBER EVENTS



Visit us at Tiffani's Taverna for some refreshing drinks and libations at the HTGOC Annual Greek Festival scheduled for 8–10 October, 2021.

Please join us at our monthly Chapter meeting at HTGOC on 21 October, 2021 starting at 6:30 PM. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
James A Speros Community Center  
1973 E. Maryland Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ

Finally, AHEPA Saguaro Chapter 219 will hold its annual Family Picnic on 23 October, 2021 at McCormick Railroad Park in Scottsdale in one of the Verandas located on the north end of the park. Come and join the fun, fellowship and complimentary food and drinks. All are welcome from the Phoenix Metro communities. Contact Art Boujotas 480-586-0511 or [aboujotas@gmail.com](mailto:aboujotas@gmail.com) if planning to attend to ensure enough FREE food and drink.

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

# House of Stewards

Through 09/27/2021

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Chris & Juli Pritsos  
David & Nicole Pyle  
Bertha Quinn  
Lyda Rabbitt  
Greg Sackos  
Lois Sakkas  
Jim & Donna Sampanes  
Dimitra Hotis Sampson  
Paul Sarantes  
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Diane Sedlacek  
Chris & Terry Seretis  
George & Traci Sgouros  
Jeff & Risa Shaver  
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Despina Tavlarides  
Billy & Becky Tavlarides  
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If you have not filled out a Pledge Card for 2021, please pick one up in the Church Narthex or visit [holyztrinityphx.org](http://holyztrinityphx.org).



# Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director  
Gabriella Papatzimas, Teacher  
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We at Holy Trinity Greek School deeply believe in the importance of learning and preserving the Greek Language and Culture. The students attending Greek School for eight months (September-May) learn, write, and read with special attention to Greek Culture. Throughout the year the students are exposed to Greek Culture in many ways: they discuss religious holidays and customs, learn history, cooking regional traditional dishes, mythology, and arts. Our school presents three cultural programs during the year, one in December to celebrate the Holidays, one in March to honor the Greek Independence Day, and the last by the end of May during graduation. All programs are greatly enjoyed by our students and give them the opportunity to show off their abilities in cooking, poetry, music, and dancing, for all family and friends. If you are not familiar with our Greek School here is a brief outline of our program:

**PK/K:** The students learn the sound system and basic vocabulary in a fun and a happy environment. Children as young as four years old can start Greek School.

**Level 1:** This Level makes the transition from a purely speaking class to the reading and writing format. The students learn the Greek Alphabet, reading, writing, vocabulary and phrases leading to conversation.

**Level 2:** The students are able to read sentences, write and spell and use basic conversation. Grammar is introduced.

**Level 3:** Longer texts are introduced. The students study vocabulary, spelling and conversation. Grammar is taught in detail. Geography, history, mythology is a very important part in all levels

όλα καλά; We hope you are fine and could get a bit of a holiday feeling during the past month(s). Greek School will be starting a new year of new activities, cooking lessons, new regions of Greece, and new songs to share with all of you!

Greek School starts September 22 at 5pm with a NEW Preschool class at 4pm.

We wish you a wonderful month of September, καλό μήνα!



[Registration](#)

[Calendar](#)

Contact Irene for forms if these links do not open on your device.

# All Saints Camp

## 5TH ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY | November 20, 2021

Stonecreek Golf Club

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



### SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



### 8:00 AM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

7:00 AM Check-in

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

### \$150 PER GOLFER

(If paid by Nov 5th | \$175 after deadline)

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

### AWARD LUNCHEON FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

(Non-golfers encouraged to attend @ \$25/person)

For information regarding registration, making a contribution or opportunities to sponsor a portion of the event, please contact Janis Demetrulias, 480-560-5833.



**ALL SAINTS CAMP**

# Upcoming Conference



**CARE IN A COVID ERA**  
Unity & Truth In Uncertain Times

with Keynote Speaker  
**BISHOP DANIEL**  
of Santa Rosa  
Chancellor of  
the Diocese of  
the West

**OCAMPR**  
**2021 CONFERENCE**  
In-Person & Online  
**NOVEMBER 4-6, 2021**

**FR. DEMETRIOS HARPER, PHD**  
Theological Plenary

**CASEY CLARDY, PHD**  
Psychological Plenary

**CATHERINE CRETICOS, MD**  
Medical Plenary

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## OrthoTalks for Jr. High/Middle School Students and Parents

Join Father Gary Kyriacou along with members of the Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry team for an in-depth Zoom gathering on the Orthodox Christian response to bullying, how to deal with someone that is mean, and understanding brokenness. This series will aid the student's social development by reinforcing the teachings of our Lord and His Church. If you are a Middle/Junior High School Student, we invite *you and your parents* to join us!

This is a two-part series being held on **Tuesday, October 19 and 26 at 6:30 p.m.** For more information and to register for this free workshop, visit [here!](#)

## AHEPA Chapter 219 2021/2022 Scholarships

The 2021-2022 AHEPA Chapter 219 Scholarship Application is now available. All high school seniors, university, trade school, and vocational training students are encouraged to apply. The Application deadline is October 23, 2021 and the winners will be announced at our annual Scholarship luncheon on January 8, 2021.

Applications can be found on the website [AHEPA219.com](http://AHEPA219.com), or by contacting Ed Weiss, [here](#).

## Eight Dates

Register today for **Eight Dates**, the powerful relationship series presented for the second time by the Metropolis Family Wellness Ministry and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Based on the book *Eight Dates* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman, the series sessions are virtual and include prayer, reflection, videos, interactive questions, break-out groups, and closing remarks on topics including Conflict; Work and Money, Intimacy, Family, Spirituality, and many more. Originally designed for newly married couples, every couple--married or not--who wants to improve their communication and connection can benefit from this lively and informative program.

The 2021 program begins on **Thursday, October 14.**

Register today at [here](#).

# YAL at HTC Phoenix—Arrival

September 5, 2021



# YAL at HTC Phoenix—Brunch for 500!

September 5, 2021



# Metropolitan Gerasimos' Arrival at HTC—Phoenix

September 5, 2021



# Metropolitan Gerasimos

September 5, 2021

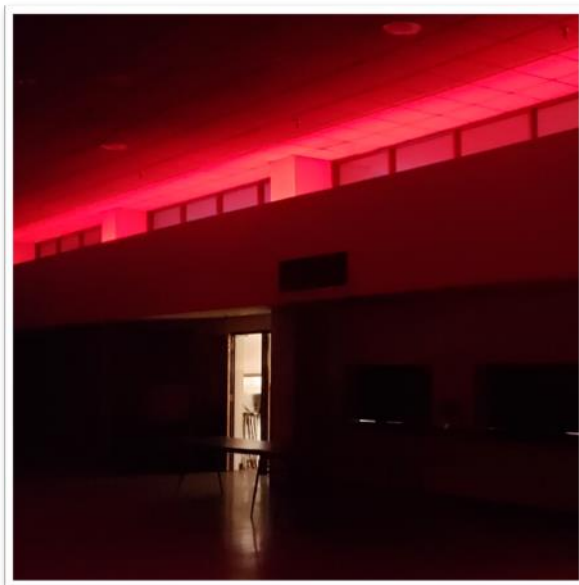
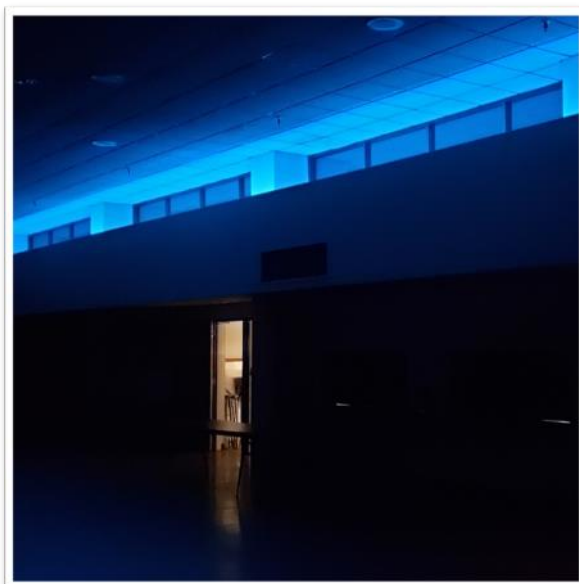


# Young Adults at Chase Field

September 21, 2021



# New Lighting in the Large Hall

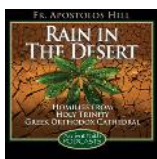


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## Rain In The Desert

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



Sermons can also be found on the Cathedral website at [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org).

## Lost & Found

The Narthex now has a lost and found! If you have lost anything during one of our services please ask the Narthex volunteers before service and they will direct you to the Lost & Found.



# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Caroline Economopoulos, President



Are you getting the weekly  
OPA Newsletter?

OPA communicates primarily through email,  
via our email newsletter.

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

It's easy, just email your information  
[cjecomom@gmail.com](mailto:cjecomom@gmail.com),  
and we'll get you added to list!



OPA hosted Coffee Hours in September!

## *Weekly Sr. Goya Meetings*

Every week, beginning on September 12 at  
7pm our High Schoolers will meet with Fr.

Alexander for 1 hour to go through the  
Relationship Project. Please RSVP to Fr.  
Alexander at [aeliades@holytrinityphx.org](mailto:aeliades@holytrinityphx.org)  
if you would like your child to join!



## Little Lambs Festival Parade

Performances

Saturday & Sunday mornings  
of the festival.

**For all children 5 and under.**

NOTE: Children in Kindergarten and older  
will perform and practice with the dance groups.

If interested,  
want to rent attire,  
or want to learn more,  
please contact Angela  
[angelagarozzo@gmail.com](mailto:angelagarozzo@gmail.com)  
or 913.638.5991.

# Greek Dance

The Holy Trinity Dance Program is back & practices are underway!

Niko Panagiotakopoulos:  
call/text: (602) 469-2039  
[npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com)



## Dance Schedule:

Sunday, October 3 – 12:00-2:30 Dance Practice

Wednesday, October 6 – 7:00-9:00 Dress Rehearsal

Friday - Sunday, October 8-10 – FESTIVAL

