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Truly He is Risen!

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www.holytrinityphx.org

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www.goarch.org
Father Apostolos and Father Alexander

Photos by Nathaniel Tropea
of the Fathers during Lent and Holy Week.

The purple set of vestments that Father Alexander is wearing was gifted to him by the Holy Trinity Cathedral community upon his Ordination.
CHRISTOS ANESTI!
THE SEASON OF REBIRTH FOR HOLY TRINITY

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! We celebrate the most joyous event in the Orthodox faith with gladness in our hearts. And the timing could not be more perfect. As Great Lent began, so did the slow and steady reopening of Holy Trinity.

As we approached Pascha the numbers of Covid infections continued to decline in our state. This enabled Holy Trinity to ease restrictions. Our pews are filling up on Sundays. Coffee hour follows every Liturgy. The chanters and altar boys are serving again. Our St. Nectarios bookstore is open on Sundays.

Father Alexander is organizing monthly gatherings for our youth groups. Dozens of kids are turning out to come together in fellowship and enjoy a discussion and lesson with Father, dinner, a craft and even some Greek dancing. It is so beautiful to see the church hall filled with our youth again!

Our beloved women of Philoptochos are meeting and they gathered together to bake Easter treats for our parishioners to enjoy. Their fellowship and coming together in service to our Cathedral was so special.

Palm Sunday services were standing room only in the Cathedral. Our Ahepans organized another wonderful Palm Sunday Luncheon, enabling our parishioners to break bread following Liturgy in celebration to begin Holy Week. It felt so good to all be together in the hall for this event.

This all led to the greatest miracle of all time - Pascha! It was no coincidence that the timing fell perfectly in line with Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha. Holy Trinity is open and waiting to embrace you back into the fold of our church family. If you have not yet attended an in person Liturgy since the pandemic started, we pray you will consider doing so.

We continue to worship together safely and responsibly following the guidelines in place by our Metropolis. Masks are required, social distancing measures are adhered to and thorough cleaning in between services takes place. But as many of our parishioners are getting vaccinated, they are coming back to worship together and enjoy fellowship. There is no better time to embrace the church so the church can embrace you in return. We hope to see you soon!
A Great Opportunity to Save Taxes and Help Holy Trinity
Submitted by Charles DeMoss

IRS owners 70 ½ and older can gift up to $100,000.00 of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to Holy Trinity Cathedral, and their spouse can do the same. Simply ask the custodian of your IRA to issue a check directly from your IRA to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. You can send any amount, up to $100,000.00. By doing so, you will reduce the amount of your taxable income, thereby reducing the taxes you have to pay. You must do so before December 31, 2021. Consult your tax advisor on this, and thank you for helping Holy Trinity, while helping yourself.

+REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL+

Easy Stewardship Sign Up!

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

Narthex Teams
Two of the teams at your assistance!

Many of the 3rd Sunday Team

Many of the 4th Sunday Team
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

Philoptochos Pascha Bake Sale
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Thank you to our Community who supports our annual Pascha Bake Sale every year! We appreciate you!

Philoptochos delivers Pascha Bags, which includes the fresh-baked goodies, to some of our seniors who are home-bound.

Pascha Bake Sale Baking

Just five of the many bakers who worked to create the tasty baked goods!
Holy Trinity’s St. Katherine Philoptochos

2021 Scholarship Application

The Holy Trinity Cathedral Philoptochos Society will be offering two, one-thousand dollar ($1000) scholarships to Holy Trinity students attending college in the fall of 2021. Listed below are the eligibility requirements:

1. Student and/or family must be a Steward of Holy Trinity Cathedral
2. High school students must have graduated in the spring of 2021 and attending college in the fall of 2021
3. College students may also apply as continuing students or in graduate programs in the Fall of 2021
4. Applicants must submit:
   - A copy of 2020-2021 transcripts
   - College acceptance letter
   - A resume including school, church & community activities

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2021

If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, please contact a member of the Scholarship Committee or Philoptochos.  
Georgana Frieh 480-945-0800  Mary Louise Theodoropoulos 602-943-5080
Mail to: Philoptochos Scholarship, 1973 E. Maryland, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Name: __________________________

Address: ________________________

City & Zip: ______________________

Phone: __________________________

High School or College presently attending: __________________________

College(s) Accepted to: __________________________

GPA: __________________________
House of Stewards
Through 04/29/2021

Dorothy Ainslie
Evan & Terri Alexon
Dena Anagnopoulous
Mike & Alex Anagnopoulous
Nikki Anest
Bettina Angelos
John & Sandy Annos
Elaine Apostle
Sheila Asala
Chris & Angie Athens
Christina Bakavelou
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Constantine & Eleni Balanis
Ted & Rebecca Barabatis
Scott & Stacey Beaty
George & Stacy Benetos
Dan & Vicki Bichekas
Peter & Jennifer Biliatsis
Helen Bixenman
James & Helen Bruno
Chris & Georgia Brusalis
Chris & Rita Bruskas
Kristen Bruskas
Elias Carras
Kathy Carras
Frank & Alice Carris
Katie Chames
Laurel Charnas-Schiller
Harriet Chotras
Pete & Kim Choukalas
Kathy Clarke
Andy & Mara Contes
Jim & Connie Contes
Ed Cooper & Angie
Valerou-Cooper
Patty Davis
Len & Elaine Debickero
Hercules Dellas
Patrick & Karla Delord
Tom & Irene Demas
John & Mary Demetropoulos
Bill DeMoss
Charles DeMoss
Chris DeMoss
John & Marjorie DeMoss
Basil Denaxas
Stan & Fran Drozdz
Denise Dye
Kathryn Dye
Christos & Dena
Economopoulos
Fr. Alexander &
Presv. Laura Eliades
Zack & Nikki Forman
Athanas & Georgia Fourlis
Athanasia Fourlis
Ted & Andi Fourlis
Tim Fraenkel
Chris & Celeste Francis
Georgi Frieh
George & Julie Froumis
Semos Gardner
Andreanna Georgiou
Thomas & Christina Georgiou
Demetra Georgelas
Diana Georgelas
Pamela Georgelas
John Giannopoulos
Polly Ginakes
Stella Glitou
Eva Goodman
Bill & Lynn Graham
Gina Graham
David Haag
Mary Haidos
Donald Hall
Alexander Harding
Terry Harper
George Hasiotis
Stephanie Heckel
Greg Hill
Rev. Fr. Apostolos &
Presv. Denise Hill
Michael & Veronica Hill
Bessie Hothis
Jason & Ekaterini Jaynes
Pavlos Kairis
James & Linda Kalivas
Pete & Nicole Kamboukos
Vasilios & Angela Kamboukos
Basile & Roula Kaneris
Nick & Dena Kataros
William & Harriet Kapolos
Christina Karalekas
Pete & Tina Karegeannes
Virginia Karegeannes
Julie Karoutas
Leon & Faye Katrakis
Christos & Kelley Katsanos
John & Mary Katsenes
Paul & Lori Katsenes
George Katsaros
Helen Katsurakis
Jim & Poppy Kavouris
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Cathy Keyser
Ronald & Virginia Kidd
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Spiros & Maria Kontakis
Nickolas Koziris
Nick & Marina Kretsedemas
Andreas & Cindy Kyprianou
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John & Angie Lambrou
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Will & Sandy Meris
Angelina Miller
Paul Miller
Bill & Jean Miller
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Andrew & Anastasia Mitchell
Dino Moschovitis
Phillip & Helen Mitchell
Matthew & Sophie Neumann
Jerry & Kathy New
John & Maria Nicholas

House of Stewards Continued on page 10
Desert Springs May 2021
As Covid-19 vaccinations continue and the metrics surrounding the virus trend in a positive direction, we are returning to our previous “Sign-In for Liturgy” instead of the “Sign-Up for Liturgy Online” model.

Sign in under the day of the week sign-in sheet located in the purple binder on the podium in the Narthex.
Sunday of the Cross
April 4 2021

Young Adult Event

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HT YOUNG ADULT BBQ

Wednesday, May 5
5:30PM
Holy Trinity Cathedral
Food will be provided but bring a dish if you’d like! BYOB

RSVP TO FR ALEXANDER (707-292-5594)
Kouvouklion Decorating
Holy Friday

Photos by Diakonissa
Mary Thrasher and various community members.
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!

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**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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Our Church Family

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

04/17/2021
Piper Jaynes,
Parents: Ekaterini Kamboukos Jaynes &
Jason Jaynes
Godparents: Angela Kamboukos &
Nathaniel Jaynes
God’s Blessings be upon her.

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

04/05/2021
Alexandra Sampson
May her memory be eternal.

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.

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

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!

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.
Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)

On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

One of the most symbolic of the Festal Icons of the Orthodox Church is that of the Holy Resurrection. In the center of this radiant event is Christ pulling Adam and Eve up from their tombs. The gates of the Realm of Death are broken and thrown down. Death, personified in human form is defeated, and bound hand and foot at the bottom of the scene. We recall the joyous words of St. Paul: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)

In the background stands the host of the departed, so numerous they cannot not be depicted. Among them in the front of the multitude are some of the righteous dead, though now invigorated by the Resurrection. King David and his son Solomon are seen on the left wearing crowns. Near the center is Saint John the Baptist. On the other side is Abel, the son of Adam and the first man to ever die. He wears a shepherds robe and has a cane. Many Icons of this subject depict large crowds with a few other recognizable prophets.
Palm Crosses
Lazarus Saturday
On the Lower Patio

Father Alexander demonstrating cross-making out of palm fronds.

Smallest cross contest!

Photos by Caroline Economopoulos and various members of our community
Pancake Breakfast
Lazarus Saturday
Hosted by Sunday School

Red Eggs
Lazarus Saturday
Attendees Have Returned!

Holy Saturday Morning
Holy Friday
Myrrhbearers and rose petals
Holy Friday
At the end of the Great Doxology, while the Trisagion is sung, the Epitaphio is taken in procession around the outside the Cathedral, and is then returned to the tomb.
Magiritsa Meal
Hosted by the Parish Council

Young adults there at the end of the night...
or shall we say early morning?
Sunday School
Calling Parents & Young Adults

Please consider joining to help re-forming Sunday School

We have begun the process of brainstorming and thinking of ways to re-energize our Sunday School program.

Are you a parent or young adult who wants to help form our children in their faith?

Please consider helping with Sunday School in the Fall in any capacity that you can.
Reach out to Andi at alfourlis@mpsaz.org

Post-Sunday School Adventure
All creatures great and small...

Sharing the discovery of a salamander.
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!

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests

Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends,

A bus trip to St. Anthony’s Monastery in Florence is being planned. Information will be announced shortly to reserve your spot.

I would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions for activities or to submit additions or corrections to our contact list.

God’s blessings to one and All.

Yours in Christ,

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

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Maintenance Corner

By Ted Fourlis

The Maintenance Committee has almost completed converting our parking lot and basketball outdoor lights from old halogen lighting to LED lighting. We only have one more poles to go and we will be finished. Paul & Dimitri painted the hallways outside Father Eliades office and it looks great! Peter Bilitsis & Ted Fourlis are working on an electrical solution for the outdoor lighting around the front of the Cathedral and Chapel stairways, as the lights stopped working. We are working several air conditioning repairs to the Community Center and Educational Building. The Valonis Bros did an amazing job cleaning the basement floors. We will start the review of maintenance items associated with the potential of having our Greek Festival this year. If you would like to donate to the maintenance committee, please notate your check or donation to Maintenance Committee.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Ted, Peter, Paul & Dimitri.
Pascha Flower Donations

Nikki Anest
Kathy Carras
Dorothy Ainslie
Evelyn Nickalew
Zannis Family
Kavouris Family
Dorothy Ainslie
George & Chrysoula Papadopoulos
Maia/Marsel Dimitriadis
Tropea Family In Memory of
Dan & Athena Choukalas, Mike Choukalas, Nick Choukalas & Danny Choukalas
Daniel & Anna Pardhe In Memory of
John & Maria Parge, Barbara Cope, Evanthia Evangopoulos, The Palande Family & The Salve Family
Ronald & Virginia Kidd In Memory of
Dan & Athena Choukalas, Nick, Danny, & Michael Choukalas
Dena Kantaros In Memory of George Kantaros
Karla Delord In Memory of Ruth A. Hotis
Jim & Donna Manelis In Memory of John & Maria Manelis, Joseph & Catherine Callaghan
Katherine Carras In Memory of Evangelia & Peter Carras, Georgia & John Savalis, & George T. Joufas
Dan & Vicki Bichekas In Memory of Tiffani Noelle Bichekas
Nick & Betty Papas In Memory of James N. Papas
Christina Bakavelou & Chris Perry
Georgia Pikoula In Memory of Spyros Pikoula, Elpimiki Pikoulas, Machi Pikoula, Freed Potter, Susie & Stavroula Lindsay
Emily Kimmell In Memory of Bill & Karen Kimmell
Stephanie Papadopoulos In Memory of Konstantine Papadopoulos, Susan Cornist & Eleni Kelly
James & Helen Bruno In Memory of Jim & Gen Vrakas
Argyro Vasquez In Memory of Angela Themeli & Bill Vasquez
Jim & Poppy Kavouris In Memory of Antonios & Vasiliki, Joannis & Maria
Andi & Ted Fourlis In Memory of Carol Sowers
Alex Haugen & Family In Memory of Brian Haugen
Mary Haidos In Memory of James Haidos
Lambrou Family In Memory of George Haidos & Angela Hapgood
George & Zanetta Kleanthis In Memory of Peter & Alexandra Kleanthis, John & Zahavoula Movaites, George & Dimitra Eliopoulos & Elain Hatupis
Joanne Meris In Memory of Nicholas Meris, George & Katherine Spevzivos and Thomas Spevzivos
Alexia & Brian Haugen
Peter & Christina Maydanis In Memory of Rev. Kostas & Presbytera Zafiroula Poulakidas, Nicholas & Panagiota Maydanis, Dr. Thomas Aliki Poulakidas, Dr. Dimitrios Pappas
Hercules Della In Memory of Alexander & Margaret Della, Carol Marie Della, Rev. Father Theo Anastas and John G. Thomas Esq. Koubaro
Georgia Fourlis In Memory of Mary Rumsey
The Meris Family In Memory of Alexandra Sampson
Cousins of Alexandra In Memory of Alexandra Sampson
AHEPA Chapter 219

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OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 20, 2021

6:00 PM

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
Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director
Gabriella Papatzimas, Teacher

Greek School made it!! This has truly been a year for the record through Zoom. In some ways, it has been the most memorable year of our lives! It’s sad that our students didn’t get proper end of the year celebrations, but we made delicious Lenten chocolate cake, looked back through our journey through Greece, danced and said goodbye to our teachers and friends.

Holy Trinity Greek School is a special place because of our parents! Gabby and I are truly grateful for all the efforts that have gone into the last year with Greek School zoom learning. We are humbled by what all the parents have done at home to support our students and we look forward to being together again.

We don’t know what school will look like in the fall, but we plan to continue zoom and Greek School live.

Greek School will start in September. We offer a Pre-K (potty trained) through 8th grade. If interested, please contact Irene Dartoozos-Mackos at phxgreekschool@gmail.com

Watch here: https://youtu.be/-cVqwRmfpk4
OPA—Orthodox Parents Association
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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!

Palm Fronds for the Cathedral

Jr. & Sr. GOYAnS decorated the solea and the altar with Palm fronds.
Youth Night
April 17, 2021

Photos by Father Alexander and Caroline Economopoulos
Attention Graduates!

SALUTE to the 2021 GRADUATES

If you or your child is graduating from 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school, please CLICK ABOVE to fill out the 2021 Graduate Recognition Form to be recognized in this year's digital SALUTE to the GRADUATES.

All graduate recognition forms need to be submitted by Friday, May 7th.

In addition to completing the form, we are requesting a photo of each graduate.

(class/graduation photos preferred)

We want to showcase all our Parish's graduates. A special graduation email will be sent to the entire Holy Trinity congregation the week of May 10th-14th.

Please send photos and direct any questions to Caroline Economopoulos cjecomom@gmail.com
Little Lambs Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday 2021

Photos by various community members
Little Lambs Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday 2021

Photos by various community members
Save the Date! All Saints Camp in the Valley!
June 7-11, 2021

Because of the uncertainty of different camp grounds, All Saints Camp will be hosted here at Holy Trinity as a day camp on the week of June 7-11. Look out for more details soon but save the dates!