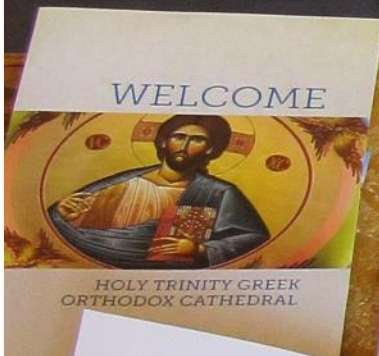


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To the many recent visitors
and newcomers—
we're glad you're here!



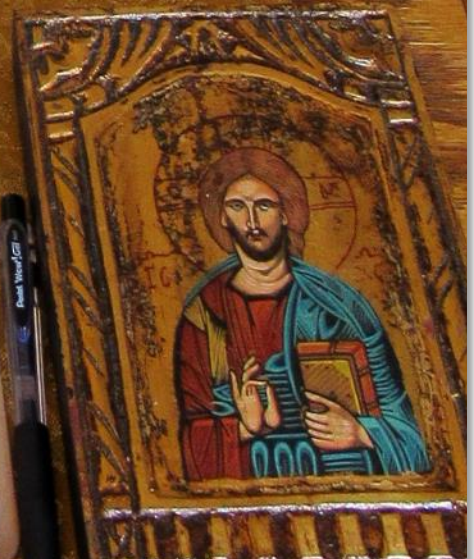
WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
If you are visiting this morning we welcome you in the Name of the Lord. We are a parish of the Greek Orthodox Church and have been a presence in Phoenix for nearly 100 years. Orthodox Christian worship may be unlike other forms of worship you have encountered but you can follow along in the service book in the pews. (If you need assistance, simply ask the nearest parish member.)
Our liturgical celebration stems from the 4th Century and includes prayers and petitions, sacred chant, numerous hymns, and loads of Holy Scripture. All are invited to pray along with us and to enter the presence of God with joy!
And though Holy Communion is offered only to the Orthodox faithful who are prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, the blessed bread is offered to everyone after the service. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex and join us for coffee and refreshments in the community center so we can get to know you.
May your time with us be blessed!

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Father, please introduce:

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Message from Father Apostolos

Emerging Ministries



Summer is a great time to catch up on one's reading list! And the most impactful book I've read this summer is titled "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger who uses the term "Adventuring" to describe Adaptive Leadership. Adventuring entails trying new things and valiantly assessing one's opportunities and challenges in a reality-based and hopeful way.

One of Bolsinger's statements about Adventuring hit home; "You'll know you are on the right path when you pile up a string of failures behind you." Seems an odd thing to say, doesn't it? But his point is solid! Adaptive leadership requires courage and a willingness to chart a course "off the map," that is, away from the tried and tired methods and activities of bygone eras.

In the spirit of this Adventuring model, Holy Trinity is launching two "new" parish ministries; a Home-based Small Group Ministry, and a Parish Leadership Development Ministry. I place "new" in parentheses since neither are truly new so much as neglected in recent years.

Home-based Small Groups are very familiar to me since my parents were small group leaders in the church of my childhood. These Friday night casual get-togethers were a fantastic way to build strong friendships in our family's church which sat over 1,000 people and conducted two Sunday morning services.

Small groups allow those new to a parish to connect with others beyond the few moments available on a Sunday. Our Holy Trinity Catechism Ministry will introduce seekers to the Orthodox Faith, but only you can embrace them into the parish family. Small groups are very effective in reaching out to long-absent parish members and reconnecting with old friends.

The aim of Home-based Small Groups is primarily relationship building. Yes, training will be provided for those interested in hosting a group. A simple blueprint is available from our sister Cathedral in San Francisco which has a thriving small group ministry. Of course, we'll talk about Jesus in our groups because that's what we do! *We already have four Cathedral families eager to begin hosting small groups and I invite you to become a host family as well!*

The Parish Leadership Development Ministry is already underway with many of us reading the "Canoeing the Mountains" book. But I know that many others will love to join us as we discuss this Adaptive Leadership model based on Adventuring and navigating the uncharted path ahead of us in our "post-Christendom world."

Our aim is to enjoy casual, home-based reflections in the weeks ahead and to ask God for discernment as we embrace the opportunity to adventure together. But beyond this initial foray, other Parish Leadership Training modules will emerge. Our Archdiocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has produced an incredible program called "Effective Christian Ministry."

This mentor-based ministry is designed to educate and to

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equip parish youth and young adult ministers (which is everyone who interacts with parish youth in any capacity!) for the essential work of cultivating lively faith in Jesus Christ in the souls and hearts of our parish children.

Think of the Parish Leadership Development Ministry as equal parts reading group, think-tank, and action team! The work of the Gospel must be accomplished and the landscape beneath our feet has been dramatically and rapidly altered. But rather than decry this irreducible fact as a grave tragedy, we can—with the grace and strength of God—embrace the challenge in confidence! I would love you to join us, particularly you young adults!

These are but two emerging parish ministries at Holy Trinity. There will be others! And if the Lord has placed on your hearts a vitally needed ministry we are lacking, whether new and untried or simply neglected and forgotten, I'd love to hear from you and how learn how you can help!

Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean

Youth and Young Adults with Father Alexander

Various Sundays in July
“Donuts with Father” and a YA Forum



Why Statement

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

“Where there is no vision, the people will perish.” Proverbs 29:18

Why does Holy Trinity Cathedral exist? And why would anyone want to join our church? The most critical question any person, parish or ministry must answer is, why are you here?

As you may recall, our Parish Council went through a strategic planning exercise for our Cathedral and shared that plan with the parish at last fall’s Parish Assembly. The primary focus of the plan encompasses four pillars; *Community, Youth, Culture and Campus* all of which support the foundation which is, *our Faith*.

We took that strategic plan one step further to articulate a short, compelling and inspirational reason why our parish exists and why anyone would want to join us. And in fact, “why statements” have a Biblical basis...”Men, WHY are you doing these things?” Acts 14:14.

We were blessed to be led on this “Why Discovery Process” by Bill Marianes who has been supporting parishes in our Metropolis on their journey to creating a true culture of Christian stewardship which extends far beyond monetary contributions, but is a transformative way of leading a life in Christ. Mr. Marianes is a devout Greek Orthodox Christian who has devoted the last 36 years working with national, regional, individual church communities, clergy and faithful to understand and implement true stewardship, engaged discipleship, and consensus vision and strategic planning.

While participating in these Metropolis stewardship seminars we realized the importance of creating a “why statement” for Holy Trinity. This “why statement” essentially sharpens our strategic plan to a fine point. One that we can clearly express in a single sentence. As a result we are proud to introduce you to Holy Trinity Cathedral’s “why statement,” *“To be a welcoming community sharing Christ’s love through faith and service.”*

Our hope is that this statement will inspire our parishioners to be more welcoming, more engaged in the divine services, more active in our ministries, more curious about our faith, more service-oriented to others and called to true stewardship and engaged discipleship.

We also hope that when a newcomer or visitor reads this statement on our bulletin or on our website that it calls them to want to be a part of our church family.

We pray this statement will inspire us to continue lifting Holy Trinity Cathedral to reach its greatest potential and that we all find personal inspiration to grow in our faith and become closer to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we all continue to work together “to be a welcoming community sharing Christ’s love through faith and service.”

With Love in Christ,

Rev. Apostolos Hill

Rev. Alexander Eliades

All Members of Holy Trinity’s Parish Council

All Members of Holy Trinity’s Stewardship Team

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



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

August means the sweetness of summer is coming to an end and the new Ecclesiastical year is just around the corner. So many positive things are happening at Holy Trinity that we are excited to share with you!....

Sunday School is back!

A new robust and engaging Sunday School is in the works with new teachers, new leadership and a new curriculum. Sunday School will resume in September. Registration begins soon.

2021 Phoenix Greek Festival - 60th Anniversary!

We are excited to announce that our beloved festival is happening **October 8, 9, 10**. *And this will be the 60th Anniversary of our festival. We need "all hands on deck" to make this one a record breaker. Your assistance is needed to set up before the festival; break down and clean up after the festival as well as work various shifts throughout the weekend. Let's come together in faith and fellowship to work together with our fellow parishioners to show everyone why we are the best Greek Festival in the state!*

Ministry Sunday

Join us for our annual Ministry Sunday on **September 12th** during coffee hour. *We invite you to visit each ministry's table where they will showcase the wonderful things they do both in our parish and in the community and how you can get involved. We challenge and encourage you to consider joining something new.*

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee!

We all love our Coffee Hour following Liturgy....and well, we all love coffee period! And we are grateful to AHEPA for donating a brand new coffee maker in the kitchen as well as a new ice machine. Two of the most needed and highly used items on our campus! Thank you to our AHEPAns for your continued kindness and generosity!

Campus Improvements

As you may recall, Holy Trinity was awarded a campus security grant from the Department of Homeland Security. Those improvements are already underway. We have installed a new parking lot gate adjacent to the Community Center and new, upgraded locks have been installed on the Cathedral doors. These are just a few of the improvements that will take place around our campus to ensure the continued safety and security of all of our parishioners.

As you can see there is a lot of good news to share. You can do your part and continue to support Holy Trinity by being a steward in good standing so that we may continue to do God's work and be a "welcoming community sharing Christ's love through faith and service."

MINISTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 12, During Coffee Hour

Please join us for our annual Ministry Sunday on *Sunday, September 12th* during Coffee Hour. This is an opportunity for our ministries to host tables and showcase all of the wonderful things they do in the community and for our parish.

It also gives our parishioners an opportunity to sign up, get involved and possibly check out a new ministry.
Challenge yourself to join something new!



2018

A Great Opportunity to Save Taxes and Help Holy Trinity

Submitted by Charles DeMoss

Parishioners **aged 70½ and older** can take **tax-free distributions** from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and have those funds ***directly transferred*** from their financial institutions to Holy Trinity Cathedral. These sums will count toward any required minimum distribution (RMD) that the IRA must satisfy for the year. Distributions can be made in any amount up to \$100,000 per year.

We are asking our parishioners to consider this strategy as a way to benefit our church.

Please contact your financial and tax advisors before initiating this strategy.

+REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL+

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.



Volunteering leads to good times with family, friends—
and those that soon will become good friends!

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.

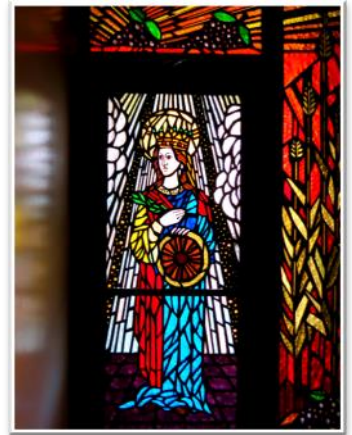
Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

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.

**Next Meeting on
Thursday, September 2, 2021
6:00pm
IN PERSON
Speros Community Center**
✠

Our Chapter Hosted the **June** Coffee Socials

Thank you to Zoe Pestrivas
for heading up each of the
weekly socials!



...And then
Zoe organized
the remaining
July Coffee
Socials—
Thank you!

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

Our Chapter Gave Out

\$5,000

in Scholarships!

The ladies of Philoptochos were pleased to offer **three** \$1,000 and **four** \$500 scholarships to our Holy Trinity Cathedral students for the fall of 2021.

When you support Philoptochos, you are supporting many projects and charities like the student scholarships we give each year. Below we've listed the scholarship recipients and are so proud and pleased for each of these outstanding students.

\$1,000:

Theodore Annos
Dominic Tropea
Eva Vardalos

\$500:

Eleni Debickero
Matt Dye
Angelina Tadros
Staci Vaughn



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Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Philoptochos Hosted a
FREE **Feast Day** & **Father's Day** Lunch on June 20th!



Altar Boys

OPA 2021—2023



Join our Altar Boys!

We're looking to begin our rotations of Altar Boys in August! If a robe fits, you can serve in the altar! Contact Chris Francis if interested:

battersbox7@yahoo.com



Altar Boy Meeting on 08/15/2021

The Altar boys are back and looking for help! If you are interested and would like to learn more about this service, join Chris

Francis and team on August 15th after Divine Liturgy.

battersbox7@yahoo.com

OPA GENERAL MEETING



PLEASE JOIN US
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2021

AT
7:00 PM

FOR A SPECIAL ZOOM
OPA GENERAL MEETING
TO ELECT THE
2021-23 OPA BOARD

ELECTED POSITIONS:

President (experience preferred)
Vice President (experience preferred)
Treasurer
Secretary
Events Chair

All positions are a 2 years commitment

Zoom meeting LINK:

Topic: OPA General Meeting 2021
Time: Aug 5, 2021 07:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76952834937?pwd=SXR2UCtpY1N3b3M0WjZzQ21oemxnQT09>

Meeting ID: 769 5283 4937 Passcode: v43uAi

Sunday School

Kathy New, Director

Our Sunday School teachers met today to begin our Sunday School year. Our first class is September 12th, keep an eye out for online registration this week!



Sunday School classes are back and we are looking for wonderful volunteers to help lead a class! If you are interested or have any questions, please [contact Father Alexander](#).



Visiting Priests

June 27, 2021

We were blessed to welcome V. Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostom Gilbert and Fr. Christian Burkhard to Liturgy today. It was a beautiful Liturgy with all four priests!



Includes photos by Marie Spanos

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!

HTC on Facebook

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



Music Ministry

“Notes”

By Terri Alexon, Choir Director



Sing unto the Lord; for He has done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Our Choir has Returned!

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Come sing a song for the Lord! Rehearsals for Youth Choir will be held up in the loft's Music Ministry Rehearsal Room on Sundays from 9:00 until Divine Liturgy begins. Contact **Terri Alexon** at **480-233-2416** or terrialexon@gmail.com with any questions.

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Our Cathedral Choir has returned to sing the Divine Liturgy! Choir rehearsal will continue **every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm** following Paraklesis.

Improvements Around Campus

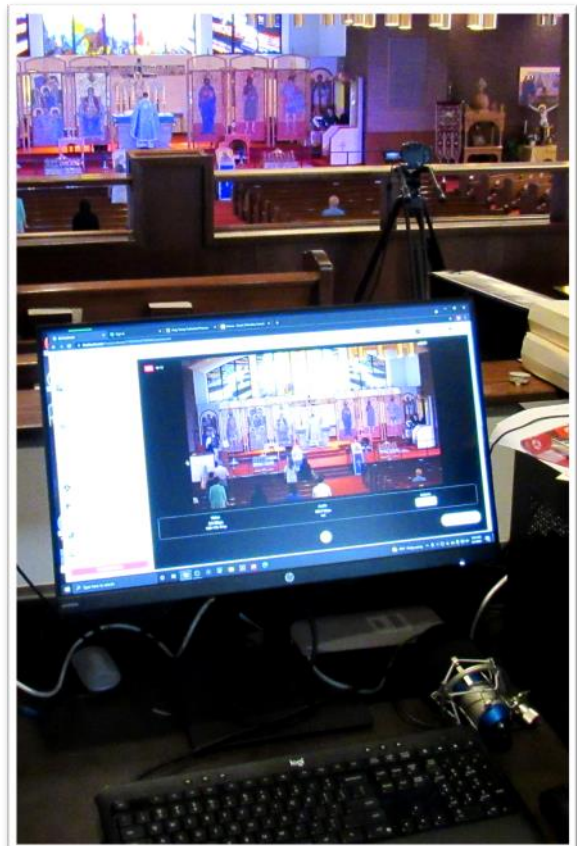
You may have noticed the new security fencing around the back parking lot of the Speros Community Center. This is just one of the many security improvements that will take place on our property in the coming months, all of which is funded by a grant Holy Trinity received from the Department of Homeland Security. The next project will be installing new and upgraded locks on the Cathedral doors. We are excited to bring these improvements to our community to improve our campus and keep our parishioners safe.



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,
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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Our Church Family

40 Day Blessings

“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4



06/09/2021

George, son of Amanda & Chad Carver
God's Blessings be upon him.

06/27/2021

Nicholas, son of Charikleia (Claire) Tsagkari & Konstantinos Moutafis
God's Blessings be upon him.

07/04/2021

Maya (Evangelia), daughter of Anna & Josiah Roche
God's Blessings be upon her.

Baptisms

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



06/19/2021

William, son of Laurel & Nicholas Petsas
Godparent is Igor Borisevich
God's Blessings be upon him.

07/17/2021

Zoya, daughter of Emily & Oleg Moroz
Godparent is Presvytera Laura Eliades
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



07/29/2021

Frances Asimou
May her 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.

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!



St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

By Rita Papaspyrou

In the month of August, we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos.



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Commemorated on August 6

This feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness

recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

Dormition of the Theotokos

Commemorated on August 15

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.

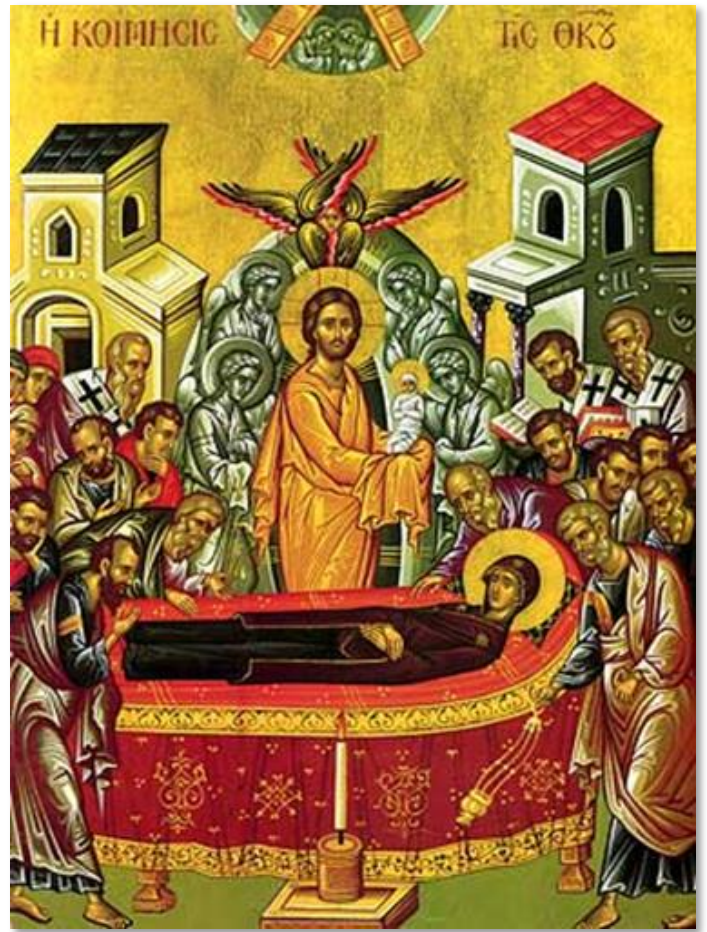
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At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At 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.



**ST. NECTARIOS
BOOKSTORE**

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

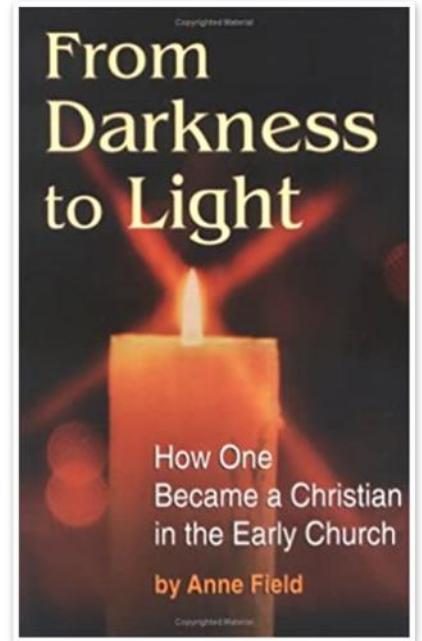


Parish-wide Catechism

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

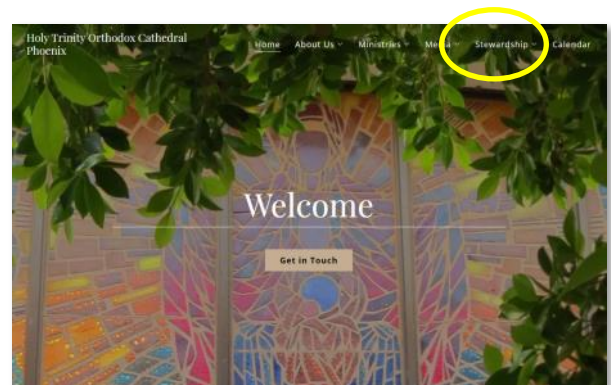
When we list off the books of the New Testament we tend to fall off after we finish all the names of the cities that Paul wrote to: Corinthians, Thessalonians, Colossians, etc. but we do ourselves a great disservice to stop here. In the 3 "Pastoral Epistles" of Paul written to his disciples Timothy and 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 and then click on **Stewardship**



AHEPA Chapter 219



OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday
August 19, 2021
6:30 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

Saturday Baking in August!

Mark your calendars now for a Festival baking day on **Saturday, August 28, 2021!**



Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests



Dear Desert Diamond & Friends,

Mark your calendars for our September outing:

Date: Wednesday, **September 15, 2021**

Time: 10:00am Brunch

Location: **First Watch Restaurant**

3215 E. Camelback Rd.
(Camelback East Village)
Phoenix, AZ 85018 (SE corner)

602.955.3447



We have a wonderful year planned. Please be sure to attend the Ministry Sunday Expo to receive your copy of the year's events and to update your contact information. Have a wonderful Summer.

With Christ's love,

Julie Karoutas

email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com

cell: 623-313-8720 call or text

PS: Please be sure to invite your friends

Congratulations!

To celebrate her retirement from the bench—and to honor the Cathedral Community for the support throughout her nearly 20 years in service—Judge Connie Contes and family shared cake, icons, and memorabilia at Coffee Hour on July 4, 2021.



House of Stewards

Through 07/29/2021

Dorothy Ainslie
Peter & Sarah Agnos
Evan & Terri Alexon
Dena Anagnopoulos
Mike & Alex Anagnopoulos
Nikki Anest
Bettina Angelos
John & Sandy Annos
Elaine Apostle
Sheila Asala
Chris & Angie Athens
Christina Bakavelou
Diana Balos
Constantine & Eleni Balanis
Ted & Rebecca Barabatis
Scott & Stacey Beaty
George & Stacy Benetos
Dan & Vicki Bichekas
Peter & Jennifer Bilitsis
Helen Bixenman
James & Helen Bruno
Chris & Georgia Brusalis
Chris & Rita Bruskas
Kristen Bruskas
Constance Burkhart
Elias Carras
Kathy Carras
Frank & Alice Carris
Katie Chames
Laurel Charnas-Schiller
Harriet Chotras
Jim Chotras
Pete & Kim Choukalas
Kathy Clarke
Andy & Mara Contes
Jim & Connie Contes
Ed Cooper & Angie
Valerou-Cooper
Stefanos & Tiffany Daniolos
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 Drozd
Denise Dye
Kathryn Dye
Christos & Dena
Economopoulos
James & Lisa Ellam
Fr. Alexander &
Presv. Laura Eliades
Greg & Helen Fernandez
Zach & Nikki Forman
Athanas & Georgia Fournalis
Athanasia Fournalis
Ted & Andi Fournalis
Tim Fraenkel
Chris & Celeste Francis
Georgi Friehe
George & Julie Froumis
Niki Ganolis
Semos Gardner
Andreanna Georgiou
Thomas & Christina Georgiou
Demetra Georgelos
Diana Georgelos
Pamela Georgelos
John Giannopoulos
Polly Ginakes
Stella Glitsos
Eva Goodman
Bill & Lynn Graham
Gina Graham
David Haag
Mary Haidos
Catherine Hallerich
Donald Hall
Alexander Harding
Terry Harper
George Hasiotis
Stephanie Heckel
Greg Hill
Rev. Fr. Apostolos &
Presv. Denise Hill
Michael & Veronica Hill
Bessie Hotis
Jason & Ekaterini Jaynes
Pavlos Kairis
James & Linda Kalivas
Pete & Nicole Kamboukos
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Basile & Roula Kaneris
Nick & Dena Kantaros

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Christina Karalekas
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Virginia Karegeannes
Julie Karoutas
Leon & Fayi Katrakis
Christos & Kelley Katsanos
John & Mary Katsenes
Paul & Lori Katsenes
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Jim & Poppy Kavouris
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Cathy Keyser
Ronald & Virginia Kidd
Emily Kimmell
Maria Kompos
Anastasia Kompos
Spiros & Maria Kontakis
Art & Carol Kostaras
Kostadinou & Anatoli Kostouros
Nickolas Koziris
Nick & Marina Kretsedemas
Tammy Kretsedemas
Andreas & Cindy Kyprianou
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Gregory Lizanich
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Margarita Makris
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Nicholas Marino
Douglas Markakis
Mary Lou Mastorakos

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Angela Mead	Zoe Pestrivas	Billy & Becky Tavlarides
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Paul Miller	Michael & TeAnn Philippis	Jim G. Thomas
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Andrew & Anastasia Mitchell	Andreas & Mary Poulakidas	Diak. Mary Thrasher
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Papadopoulos	Robert & Donna Sioles	Stephanie Willard
Socrates & Stephanie	George & Evi Skintzis	Dimitri & Eugenia Zannis
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Daniel & Anna Pardhe	Gerry & Nitsa Stamatelatos	

If you have filled out a 2021 Pledge Card but your name does not appear on this list, please know any omissions are unintentional. Please call the Church office immediately to resolve the situation.

If you have not filled out a Pledge Card for 2021, please pick one up in the Church Narthex or visit holyztrinityphx.org.

Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director
Gabriella Papatzimas, Teacher
phxgreeksschool@gmail.com



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



Greek School will resume in September both in person and online.
Please contact phxgreeksschool@gmail.com for more information

Ready. Set. EXCLAIM!

Are you ready to Exclaim your faith? Then the Young Adult League (YAL) Conference over Labor Day Weekend 2021 in Phoenix, AZ is where you need to be! Conference attendees will enjoy a weekend of events, workshops, worship and relaxation from September 2 – 6, 2021 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa in Phoenix, AZ. Highlights of the weekend include engaging workshops, daily worship, dances, a Grand Banquet, and a special western-themed event “YeeHaw YAL”. **Registration has already exceeded 500 young adults from across the Archdiocese and we expect this event to be a sell-out!** Register soon before it sells out! Visit www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL for more registration and hotel details.



Throwback to YAL 1987! How many do you recognize?



YAL—Young Adults



On June 12, 2021, some of our young adults were able to join Saint Mary's Food Bank and pack over 1,000 meals for those in need!



July 1, 2021 outing at The Yard, Phoenix.

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Dianna Scaccia, Co-President
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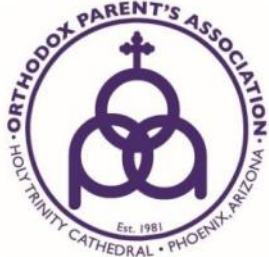


Are you getting the weekly
OPA Newsletter?

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
ciecomom@gmail.com,
and we'll get you added to list!



OPA GENERAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2021

AT
7:00 PM

FOR A SPECIAL ZOOM
OPA GENERAL MEETING
TO ELECT THE
2021-23 OPA BOARD

ELECTED POSITIONS:

President (experience preferred)
Vice President (experience preferred)
Treasurer
Secretary
Events Chair

All positions are a 2 years commitment

Zoom meeting LINK:

Topic: OPA General Meeting 2021 Time: Aug 5, 2021 07:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76952834937?
pwd=SXR2UCtpY1N3b3M0WjZzQ21oemxnQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76952834937?pwd=SXR2UCtpY1N3b3M0WjZzQ21oemxnQT09)

Meeting ID: 769 5283 4937 Passcode: v43uAi

Greek Dance Is Back!

Meeting August 8, 2021!

The Greek Festival is back on and we are ready to start practicing!! All dancers from Kindergarten to Young Adults are welcome. Our first practice is on August 8th following a MANDATORY parents meeting. For more information and registration forms, email Niko Panagiotakopoulos by [clicking here](#).



After a year off, the Holy Trinity Dance Program is back and starting with a bang!

Be on the lookout for an email for Festival registration opening soon, as well as information about FDF 2022 being hosted in PHOENIX!!

All ages from preschool through young adults may perform at the 60th Original Phoenix Geek Festival.

Practices start on 08/08/2021—more information coming soon.

If you are interested and not receiving dance emails, please contact Niko Panagiotakopoulos:

npanos01@yahoo.com

Learning Through Serving

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is pleased to announce “**Learning Through Serving: Project Based Learning for Religious Education**”. This Zoom workshop will be held on **Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PDT** and is ideal for clergy, religious educators, Sunday School directors and teachers, parents, and anyone interested in the implementation of Project Based Learning for Religious Education. This workshop will be led by Dr. Drew Baker. [Click here](#) for more information or [register](#) now!



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The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is pleased to announce a Zoom workshop for clergy, religious educators, Sunday School directors and teachers, parents, and anyone interested in the implementation of **Project Based Learning for Religious Education**. The program is offered in cooperation with the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and the Christian Education Ministry.



The guest presenter for this program is **Dr. Drew Baker**, a K-12 educator with a love for the Orthodox Faith and passing it on to younger generations. He serves as the Educational Specialist from Professional Development in Henrico County Schools and teaches graduate education courses in curriculum design, educational technology, and educational psychology at the University of Richmond. At the University level he researches student engagement strategies, project based learning, and instructional design. Drew is a lifelong member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond, VA, where he has taught high school religious education for thirteen years and now serves as one of the religious education directors there. He also has spent time in youth ministry working at many Orthodox summer camps and retreats including the Ionian Village in Greece, Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in California, and Camp Saint Paul in New York.

Advance registration is required for this free Zoom workshop. Deadline: August 13, 2021.

OBJECTIVES

- Participants will learn the essential elements of Project Based Learning and apply it to their work with Orthodox youth
- Participants will learn how to use Project Based Learning strategies and activities to increase engagement and ownership in Orthodox middle and high school religious education and Youth Ministry programs.
- Participants will discuss specific Project Based Learning lesson ideas that can be used in their classrooms and youth programs.
- Participants will create their own lesson ideas for 2021-2022 Religious Education/Youth Ministry grounded in Project Based Learning and receive coaching and feedback on the lessons they create

GOALS

- Facilitate learning that makes Orthodoxy relevant.
- Build real-world skills needed for active participants in the Orthodox Faith in America.
- Help students guide their own learning and connect with Christ more deeply in Religious Education.
- Provide experiences that benefit student growth and development outside of the classroom as future stewards of our Church.



For more information, email **Father Christopher Retelas**, frchris@stjohnanaheim.org.

REGISTER HERE!



THE CREED: THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages;

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; His kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

AMEN





COMMUNION PRAYERS

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.

Behold, I approach for Divine Communion. O Maker, burn me not as I partake, For You are fire consuming the unworthy. But cleanse me from every stain.

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.

Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood. It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy. The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me: It deifies the Spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of my soul, and save me, as You are the one Who loves mankind. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul, and save me.

Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the pledge of the life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.