

# Desert Springs

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## Prayer of Parents for their Children

O Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.

Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power. Let me not tempt my children to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all that I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

When I'm out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue. May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgments of adults. Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm. Make me fair and just and kind and fit me, O Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children. Amen

## Prayer of a Student

Holy God, please walk with me as the new school year begins. Help me to do my very best in my studies, to gain knowledge and wisdom. Please help me to always be respectful to my teachers and to honor them for their efforts on my behalf. Protect me and my friends and school from any harm or danger.

Holy Mighty, please work through me to be a true friend to others, especially to those who most need a friend. Give me courage to stand up for those who may be bullied or shamed. Help me shine the light of Your love to everyone I meet. Remind me when I feel alone that You are always with me and that my family and parish loves and supports me.

Holy Immortal, please also educate my heart to know you better and to walk in my Orthodox Christian Faith, even when this sets me apart. Help me remember that you work alongside me in all of my efforts which please you. Thank you for the joy of being your child. Help me share that joy with others. Amen.

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# Message from Father Alexander

## Behold Through the Cross Joy Has Come to the Whole World



The month of September is an important one for our lives: school has been off and running for a month, the NFL begins and here at Holy Trinity preparation for our Festival is at ramping up and September 1 marks the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year! In the midst of all that we celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross on September 14. This is an important day for us as Orthodox Christians as we remember the power and importance of the Cross in our life. We celebrate this feast 40 days after the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mount Tabor where Christ showed Himself in all His Divine Power and showing what we as humans can achieve through Him while also cautioning the disciples that He will be crucified and one the third day arise. So 40 days later we remember not His crucifixion but the power His Cross has given us.

What does the Cross mean for us? The Cross means death — our death, as St. Paul wrote (and we read in the baptism service): “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” All of us who have been baptized have united ourselves

with Christ and His Cross, and must imitate Him and die on our Cross for the eternal death of the world to have no effect on us.

The Gospel of the World is one that imitates that of Christ, but falsely: Come and live and be full of life by uniting yourself to your inner desire. Make what you feel and desire your identity.

The Gospel of Christ is the Truth however: Come and live and be full of life by uniting yourself to the One Who Is, that deep inner desire for God and for eternal life can only be accomplished in Him. But this message of salvation involves dying to the other desires, just as the false message of the World involves *dying to God*.

Hieromonk Gregory, the abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Cross in West Virginia beautifully states: “Here the Devil has won his ultimate victory: mankind no longer believes that his true self, his fundamental identity, is the image of God within him, but rather identifies his true self merely with his appetitive faculty [what we desire] — and moreover, his appetitive faculty as it exists in his present fallen condition... To put it more starkly: mankind has now been deceived into believing that his passions are his very self. On such a view, salvation is not merely extraordinarily difficult, but even intrinsically oppressive. The Christian vision of life has been diabolically transformed from the voluntary laying down of one’s own life out of love (thus leading mystically to our resurrection, in union with Christ), into a bigoted and narrow-minded worldview which desires nothing other than the enslavement of all humanity by a petty and tyrannical God...but no merely earthly paradise can ever satisfy our hearts. Only through obedience can we find freedom. Only through death can we find life. Only through the Cross can we find resurrection. And only through asceticism can we ever find that which we all truly [are created to] desire: deification, theosis, union with God Himself through Christ Jesus our Lord”

It is only through the Church, through Christ, through His Cross, that we find Life. Only through dying, not to God, but to the desires we have for money, sex, drugs, food, alcohol, anger, hate, politics and crucifying these more base desires can we find LIFE. He has given us the Cross not to punish, but to free, to grant true life for eternity in Him. Through the Cross Joy and Life has come to the world.

# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



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

### STEWARDSHIP - YOUR VOICE AND YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS

We hear the term “steward in good standing” but what does that actually mean? Well, in order to be considered a “steward in good standing” each parishioner must do two things:

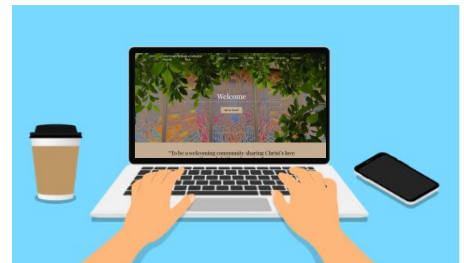
1. Fill out a new pledge card every year.  
**AND**
2. Make a payment towards that pledge.

Many people think that even though they haven't filled out a yearly Pledge Card, that because they continue to make payments they are a steward in good standing. Whereas others believe that if they've filled out a new card but haven't yet made a payment, they are in good standing. But both actions must be fulfilled every year in order to be a “steward in good standing.”

And why is it important to be a “steward in good standing?” In order to participate and vote in parish assembly meetings, parishioners must be stewards in good standing. ***The fall parish assembly is coming up on Sunday, September 25th.*** There are items on the agenda that will require us to have a quorum and parish approval. Your voice and your participation is important in order to do what is best for our Cathedral and to ensure the parishioners' voices are heard.

If your name appears on the House of Stewards list below, you are a “steward in good standing.” If your name is not listed please fill out a 2022 pledge card and make a payment toward that pledge in order to participate in the meeting.

There will be an opportunity to complete this process on ***Sunday, September 11th during Coffee Hour. We will host a table where parishioners can fill out a 2022 card and make a contribution. Or, simply visit the church website and fill out your card online at: [www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org).*** Click on “Stewardship” in the upper right hand corner and fill out your pledge card. You can also sign up for WeShare our automated, online payment portal system.



There is more to becoming a “steward in good standing” than just participating in the parish assemblies. Parishioners must be in good standing in order to get married, baptize their children, become a Godparent, run for parish council or be on the board of any of our ministries.

But most importantly, it ensures that we are doing what we are called to do which is to take care of our beloved Cathedral. This is God's house that He has entrusted to us and it is our responsibility to do our part to make sure our Cathedral is strong, secure and in the best working order with engaged parishioners.

*We thank you for your continued care and dedication to Holy Trinity!*



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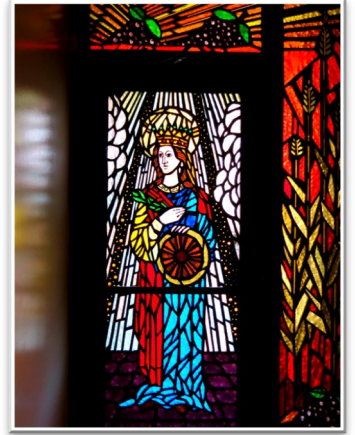
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# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President



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

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**Next Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2022  
at 6:30pm  
in the Speros Community Center**  
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(left) Thank you to September meeting hostesses **Alex Anagnopoulos, Georgi FrieH, and Mary Louise Theodoropoulos**



(right) **Joyce Bavlinka** reads the Philoptochos Prayer



## JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2022-2023

**We are the right hand of the Church!** We would like you to know that membership to Philoptochos *IS IMPORTANT* for our community, the Archdiocese and Metropolis.

### *Invitation to Philoptochos:*

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\$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 2022, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

## Congratulations to the 2022 Philoptochos Scholarship winners!

The Ladies of Philoptochos are thrilled to announce our scholarship award winners! We want the parishioners of Holy Trinity to know the young adults of our community are beyond exceptional! Every application was amazing and filled with many civic accomplishments and HTC community participation.

**\$1000**

**Katerina Kostouros  
David Pyle  
Nathaniel Tropea**



**\$500**

**Matthew Dye  
Panayiotis Kostouros  
Harris Manelis  
Constantine Papadopoulos**

## Beginning a New Year

Blessing of the Waters  
September 1, 2022



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

## Summer Charity Projects

### Clear Backpack Project

Thank you to our community—we raised \$520.00 to buy clear backpacks for students in need!



Water for  
St. Vincent de Paul



## Coffee in the Conference Room!

*NEW* Start Date!  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

and every Tuesday...  
9:30-11:00 am

No RSVP needed - just stop on by!



What is Philoptochos?

The translation is Philo = Friend and Ptochos = Poor.  
It is literally “Friend of the Poor”.

# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival



## FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

Thank you for taking that next step to become a Friend of the Festival at one of the following levels:

- Platinum - \$1,000 or more
- Silver - \$250 or more
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- Bronze - \$100 or more

All Friends of the Festival receive recognition in our weekly bulletin and Festival Program. In addition, the Platinum and Gold sponsors also receive special recognition on a banner displayed at the festival.\*

### Payment Options

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- Scan this QR code and pay direct through PayPal.



With your generous donation, the festival can continue to promote Hellenism and support important ministries and charities of this Greek Orthodox parish. God Bless you and thank you for your donation. We hope to see you at the festival on **October 7th, 8th and 9th.**

For more information, contact  
Sandy Meris at **602.525.0345** OR Natalie Lewis at **602.264.7863**

\*Donations must be made by **September 23, 2022** for recognition in the program and/or banner.



# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival

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# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival



## WHEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, 5 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022, 11AM - 10 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022, 11AM - 6 PM

## WHERE

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
1973 E MARYLAND AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85016

We are pleased to provide you with an opportunity to share in the rich history, culture, and culinary delights of Greece. Enjoy Greek food, music, dancing, jewelry, art, grocery items and activities for children.

- Event founded in 1960
- 3 day Community event
- Over 15,000 ATTENDEES annually

Proceeds benefit Holy Trinity and local community charities which we support including: Boy Scouts of America, UMOM New Day Centers for Homeless Families, Kids 'n' Cancer, amongst others

[phoenixgreekfestival.org](http://phoenixgreekfestival.org)

## FOOD, DRINK & SHOPPING

Authentic Greek food including gyro, chicken or pork souvlaki, calamari, saganaki (flaming cheese), loukaniko (sausage with citrus and spices), pastitsio, moussaka (Greek "lasagnas"), spanakopita (spinach pie), dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), roasted lamb and lemon potatoes.

Pastries include baklava, vegan Greek cookies, kourambiethes, melomacaroni and koulourakia cookies, tsourekia (bread), loukoumades (fried honey puffs) and baklava sundaes, greek coffee and frappes.

The Agora Market features feta cheese, kalamata olives, phyllo dough, fresh oregano and other food items imported from Greece.

Merchant vendors feature imported items from Greece including jewelry, ceramics and art; as well as t-shirts and more.

Ouzo and Metaxa brandy are served alongside Greek wines and beer.

## DANCE & LIVE GREEK MUSIC

Our award-winning folk dance groups are nationally recognized and made up of children from kindergarten to college-age. The seven groups perform multiple times each day. The Little Lambs (under 5 years old), parade in costume.

**Opa!** Dance lessons offered daily. We encourage everyone to get up and join the dancing as the live Greek band plays.

## CULTURE

The Hellenic Museum of Phoenix will be open with vintage photographs of pioneer Greek families as featured in the book, *Greeks in Phoenix*.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral tours are conducted throughout each day. The architecture conforms to ancient Byzantine standards while exhibiting a Southwest desert influence. The icons and stained glass windows are one-of-a-kind.

## JUST FOR KIDS!

A specially purchased wristband will give kids access all day to an area filled with fun rides to keep your child entertained at the festival.





# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival

## ..... sponsorship opportunities .....

..... \$10,000 .....

### **Title Sponsorship**

Logo/Company name on main banner of Event Tent/Dance Floor  
Banners at "back of entrance gate near tables"  
Banner at main walkway to food lines  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
Title sponsor shout out/mention at all performances of our Greek dancers  
100 admission tickets  
10 (ten) Lamb Raffle tickets  
VIP EXPERIENCE for 12 at Reserved Table on/next to Dance Floor with all inclusive, ouzo flights, metaxa, wine, beer, greek food/appetizers/dinner/desserts

..... \$7,500 .....

### **NAPKIN Sponsorship**

Logo Napkin sponsorship for entire festival, all food lines, bars, booths, etc.  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
50 admission tickets good for all 3 days  
5 (five) lamb raffle tickets

..... \$3,500 .....

### **Business Promotion Tent**

10x10 Tent for setup in main traffic area of festival  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
25 admission tickets good for all 3 days  
5 (five) lamb raffle tickets

..... \$3,000 .....

### **Parking Lot Sponsor**

Signage at entrance and exit of parking lot  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
25 admission tickets good for all 3 days  
5 (five) lamb raffle tickets

..... \$2,000 .....

### **OUZO BAR / Tavern Title**

Named Tented area in prime bar location  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
25 admission tickets good for all 3 days  
3 (three) Lamb Raffle tickets

..... \$2,000 .....

### **Shuttle Bus Sponsor**

Signage at drop off/pick up area  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
25 admission tickets good for all 3 days  
3 (three) Lamb Raffle tickets

..... \$2,000 .....

### **Bank & ATM Sponsorship**

Logo/Company Name on ATMs and Bank of Athens  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
25 admission tickets good for all 3 days  
3 (three) Lamb Raffle tickets

..... \$1,500 .....

### **Entrance Banners**

*(fifteen available)*

Entrance Gate Signage  
3x5 banner at front entrance where 15,000 guests walk in  
Sponsor recognition in festival brochure  
25 admission tickets good for all 3 days

..... FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPONSORSHIPS CONTACT .....

Tasso Annos | 602-758-5228 | tssannos@gmail.com





# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival

## ..... • donations • .....

Not interested in sponsoring, but still want to make a difference?

**DONATE TODAY!**

**Friends of the Festival** is a donation vehicle to offset the costs associated with the execution of our annual Original Phoenix Greek Festival.

PLATINUM	\$1,000 or more
GOLD	\$500 or more
SILVER	\$250 or more
BRONZE	\$100 or more

All Friends of the Festival receive recognition in our weekly bulletin and Festival Program. In addition, the Platinum and Gold sponsors also receive special recognition in a banner on display at the festival.

To participate, please follow these three steps

1. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Cathedral with a notation in the memo section for the donation to FOF and complete the required form .
2. Mail check to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Attn: FOF  
1973 E. Maryland Ave, Phoenix, Arizona 85016.
3. Indicate how you would like your name/company listed:

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Donations must be made by **September 23, 2022** for recognition in the program and/or banner.



# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival

## ..... sponsorship commitment form .....

### DONOR INFORMATION

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TITLE SPONSOR : \$10,000

NAPKIN/PAPER SPONSOR : \$7,500

BUSINESS PROMOTION TENT : \$3,500

PARKING LOT : \$3,000

OUZO BAR/TAVERN : \$2,000

SHUTTLE BUS : \$2,000

BANK/ATM : \$2,000

ENTRANCE BANNER : \$1,500

### FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

PLATINUM : \$1,000+

GOLD : \$500+

SILVER : \$250+

BRONZE : \$100+

Enclosed is my Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral)

Please charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your sponsorship commitment. Please return your commitment form to:

Original Greek Festival | Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral | 1973 E Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Tasso Annos | 602-758-5228 | tssannos@gmail.com

phoenixgreekfestival.org



# 61st Original Phoenix Greek Festival

## Baking Assistance Needed:

Baking starts  
this Thursday, September 1st  
and will take place every  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday morning  
of September.



## Food Handlers Card

The festival is rapidly approaching,  
and it's time to get your food handlers card!

Please visit <https://www.efoodcare.com>

study, take the test, and give a copy to the front  
office.

## Set Up & Clean Up HELP

Please mark your calendars:

Set Up - Saturday, Sept. 24th at 8:00 a.m.

Set Up - Saturday, Oct. 1st at 8:00 a.m.

Clean Up - Saturday, Oct. 10th at 8:00 a.m.





# 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 **\$644,340.00**.

***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.**

The simple and smart way to give a portion of your estate to Holy Trinity: ask your banker, broker, realtor, life insurance agent to simply put a TOD or POD designation on your property or account, and select the percent of that account you wish to pass to Holy Trinity. TOD= transfer on death, POD= payable on death. This designation will transfer that percentage to Holy Trinity, on your passing, and avoid costly probate.

✦ REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL ✦

# 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

**+ CONSIDER GIFTING HIGHLY APPRECIATED STOCK. +**

**+ 72 AND OLDER, SAVE TAXES BY GIVING FROM YOUR IRA. +**

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

Gabriel & Helen Papagallos  
The DeMoss Families  
IMO+ Mary Montague  
IMO+ John G. Zannaras  
Steve & Judith Vrahas  
Ange & Alex J, Pappas

Faye Boukas  
Dennis & Anastasia DeBerry  
George & Koula Cheros  
IMO+ Dina Sakellarakis  
Dr. Nicholas Baziotis  
John & Mary Katsenes

George & Ann Souvall  
IMO+ Tasia Pritchard  
John George Thomas  
Steve & Joan Vrahas  
James & Connie Coin Contes

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS OVER \$1,000.00**

Dr. Christopher J. DeMoss, the Lambrou Family

**IN MEMORY GIFTS:** IMO+ Stacy Hotis, IMO+ Danny Speros, IMO+ Mark Sprintz, IMO+ Chris Gabriel, IMO+ Milton Sioles, IMO+ Fr. James & Presb. Katherine Tavlarides, IMO+ Tom Contes, IMO+ Leonard Mastorakos, IMO+ John Sgouros, IMO+ Chris Gabriel, IMO+ Athena & Dan Choukalas, IMO+ Milton & Harriet Sioles, IMO+ Koula & Pete Triantafyllou, IMO+ Fr. Anthony Coniaris, IMO+ James H. Karros, IMO+ Bette Maniatis, IMO +Dan Lester Hill

**+ REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY IN YOUR WILL +**

# Sunday School Is Now '4F'

## New Mode of Religious Education!



Dear Parents and Students of Holy Trinity Cathedral,

As the School Year is somehow already upon us, we are so excited to begin our new year of Youth Ministry here at Holy Trinity with some invigorating new opportunities for all ages.

For a great confluence of reasons we are changing up our usual model of Sunday School. It is no secret that our numbers in Sunday School have dwindled more and more in the last decade. This is not something we have done wrong but a universal fact in almost all parishes across the country, Orthodox and non-Orthodox. There is a lack of student attendance, parent commitment, and volunteers to even make the most simple class function. We had wonderful teachers last year, new curriculum, used only our Education Building Classrooms and yet still many went through weeks at a time of having no more than 2-3 students. We do not have the manpower to execute Sunday School in it's traditional form this year week in and week out. Knowing this, we aren't throwing in the towel and quitting but we *must* try something different to find what works so we can instruct our children in their faith and guide them to salvation.

After speaking to a few different parishes with their alternatives to Sunday School we've moved that the main event for the spiritual education of our youth at the church will now take place on the **3rd Saturday of every month (you can give your feedback on the time below)**. On these Saturdays we will have three 45 minute sessions that will give about the same amount of education time as the old model of Sunday School. Because of this shift, your child's attendance at each meeting is *critical*, please make every effort to make these the priority of your day.

Please mark these dates in **bold** on your calendar:

**August 27: Welcome Back!**

**September 17: The Creed**

**October 15: The Saints**

**November 19: Gratitude and Eucharist**

**December 17: Christmas**

**January 21: The Sacraments**

**February 25: Life in Christ**

**March 18: Lenten Retreat**

**April 8: Lazarus Saturday Breakfast and Holy Week Retreat (After Lazarus Saturday Liturgy)**

**May 6: Commands of Christ**

mark  your **Calendar**

To add to this, we will also be catechized as an entire parish at the end of every Sunday Divine Liturgy before the Dismissal. Fr. Apostolos and Fr. Alexander will continue to offer the homily in it's proper place after the Gospel (but a bit shortened) and whichever priest is not preaching (and sometimes a guest speaker) will offer to the community a 5-10 minute lesson at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy for all to benefit from. This lesson time will allow us to methodically work through The Nicene Creed, the center of our faith, as a whole community. The bulletin will include discussion points

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based on the lesson for a family to discuss on the way home. Liturgy will then be concluded and all can enjoy Fellowship Hour together as a community.

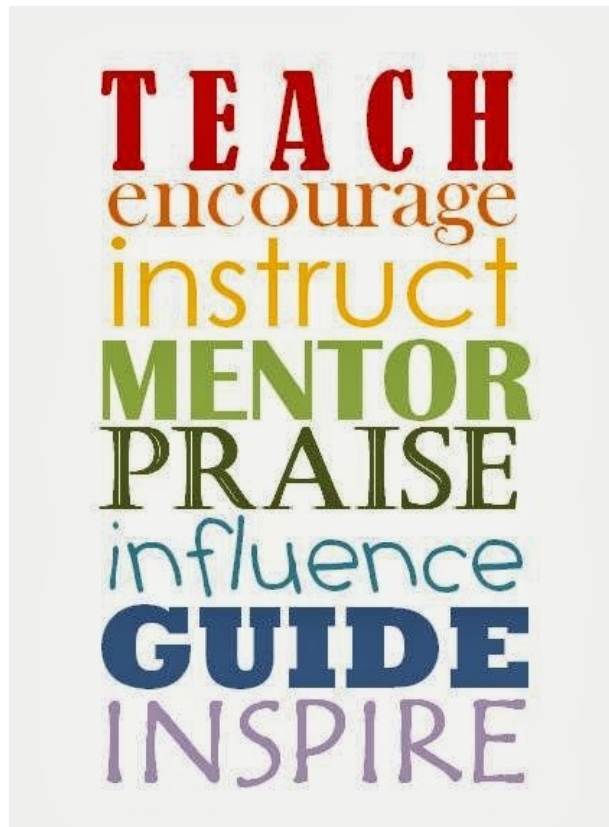
We will also be including a handout "Church in the Home" to foster discussion about that Sunday's Gospel reading and how we can apply it in our lives.

Next week we will follow this with another email discussing the vast array of other ministries that will be offered here at Holy Trinity to supplement your family's growth in Christ and His Church.

The purpose of this Survey is to find out what works best for us as a parish family and your family. Please only use this survey if you are a parent of a school age child or someone who wishes to volunteer. There will be a great emphasis this year on you as a parent leading your child's development in the Church so your level of commitment will be of paramount importance to their spiritual growth (and your own!).

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at these events, please email our director, Kathy New [here](#) or Fr. Alexander [here](#) and fill out the survey.

Kathy New, Sunday School Director  
Kalli Schneider, Advisor and Former Director  
Fr. Apostolos Hill  
Fr. Alexander Eliades





Holy Trinity's New Youth Ministry/ Religious Education Program!

We are very excited to introduce 4F to our community! Please mark the 3rd Saturday of every month from 4:30-8:00 pm for Faith, Fellowship, Family, & Fun!

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| <b>August 27:</b>    | <b>Welcome Back!</b>                           |
| <b>September 17:</b> | The Creed                                      |
| <b>October 15:</b>   | The Saints                                     |
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| <b>May 6:</b>        | Commands of Christ                             |

\* Please consider volunteering your time! Volunteers are needed for meal prep, arts/crafts, activities, and teaching!

For more information, please contact Kathy New at [kkatsalis@msn.com](mailto:kkatsalis@msn.com).

# Sunday Lesson



September 4, 2022

Desert Springs September 2022

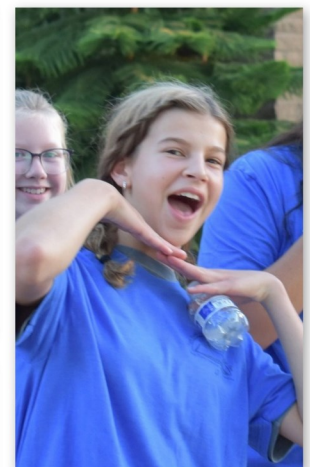


# August 4F





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# Celebration Committee



On the first Sunday of each month, the Celebration Committee at Holy Trinity Cathedral hosts a community potluck and life event celebration during coffee hour. The goal is to help the faithful get to know each other better and to grow closer as a spiritual family. To further our outreach, we especially encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to the monthly potluck to expose them to our wonderful church family!

For August's celebration event, the Celebration Committee decorated the church community center with royal blue tablecloths and fresh, pink flower-pot centerpieces in honor the Dormition of the Most-Holy and blessed, every-virgin Mother of God, the Theotokos.

Lenten chocolate cupcakes centered the front table decorated with a balloon garland of gold and pink balloons highlighted by a "happy anniversary" banner and mylar numbers "1" and "0" that celebrated the 10-year wedding anniversary of Chad and Amanda Carver. Thanks to the Carvers for adding such a nice array of photos to mark the occasion with our fervent prayer that God continues to bless their marriage.

On a separate table, we recognized two 40-days blessings—Isabella Andrea Contes and Petra Anastasia Pappas. Parents were presented with an icon box depicting the Theotokos as well as two books. *Akathist to the Guardian Angel Who Keepeth Unceasing Watch Over One's Life and Akathist to the Mother of God: Nurturer of Children as a gift.* Also recognized were two baptisms for Isabella Andrea Contes and Veronica Harrison.

In addition to ALL these blessed events, we celebrated a long list of August birthdays. Thanks to Presv. Denise Hill once again for crafting such the beautiful, community birthday card (see the list of names on the following page).

Thanks to all who have participated in the potluck, sharing your favorite food item. Again, we greatly appreciate those who have shared their milestone events with our Holy Trinity Christian family. If you or someone you know from the parish is celebrating a baby, a birthday, an anniversary milestone, or any other special event, please let the Church Office or the parish Celebration Committee know so that we can celebrate as a community! You can contact the church or send an email with suggestions and details to: [htcphxevents@gmail.com](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com).





# Celebration Committee

## August & September Birthdays!

*Happy Birthday*

Sarah Agnos	Jim Kavouris
Catherine Agra	Cathy Keyser
Evan Alexon	Elizabeth Kratsas
Dimitrios Apostolis	Tammy Kretsedemas
Alexandra Bates	Nicoletta Makos
Anastasius Bates	Mari Mastorakos
Markella Benetos	Mary Lou Mastorakos
Oscar Bracamonte	Peter Maudanis
Daniel Brook	Stacie McKenzie
Kristen Bruskas	Anthony Miaoulis
Melinda Carter-Keenan	Tania Miaoulis
Katie Choukalas	Bill Miller
Chris Chronis	Emily Moroz
Gabriella Chronis	Evelyn Nickalew
Jean Dal Pan	Genevieve Oxley
Elaine Debickero	Christo Panagiotakopoulos
Anastasia Dellas	Connie Panagiotakopoulos
Alexandros Dimitriadis	Sofia Panagiotoglou
Erika Dimitriadis	Gabriella Papatzimas
Stan Drozd	Nicholas Papatzimas
Christos Economopoulos	Elizabeth Pardhe
Eleni Economopoulos	Mary Pardhe
Zachary Forman	Panagiotis Pries
Anna Fourlis	Maria Sbiliris
Athanasia Fourlis	Gianna Sgouros
Georgia Fourlis	George Skintzis
David Haag	Phyllis Skoubis
Zachary Haugen	Bessie Speros
Stephanie Heckel	Theodora Staikos
Veronica Hill	Stella Tsantilas
Tony Hotis	Nicki Tsioutsopoulos
James Kalivas	Eva Vardalos
Joann Karros	Kristen Vasilarkakos
George Katsaros	Stephanie Willard
Paul Katsenes	Rose Wolfe
Helen Katsufraakis	Christina Wombacher
	David Worrell
	Christina Zistatsis

*HAPPY Birthday*

Alex Anagnopoulos	John Karagiannis
Chris Athens	Niki Katsaros
Ted Barabatis	Alexandra Katsenes
Stacey Beaty	Mary Katsenes
Fetlework Brook	Nariya Kidd
James Bruno	Mike Linaris
Zoe Cartier	Santanna Lopez
Juliza Cervantes	Efterpi Lourias
Kathy Contes	Anna Markakis
Marina Contes	Madeline McKenzie
Ed Cooper	Paul Miller
Anna Counelis	Andrew Mitchell
Christos Counelis	Matthew Neumann
Nick Daniolos	Alexi Panagiotakopoulos
Mary Demetropoulos	Andrea Pappas
Alexa DeMoss	Alex Petsas
Caroline Economopoulos	Nick Petsas
Katherine Economopoulos	Nitsa Rodopoulos
Anna Ehrick	Theodora Sackos
Jim Elam	Evi Skintzis
Presv. Laura Eliades	Jim Stamadianos
George Froumis	Steve Vrahas
Amy Hagerty	Angela Walker
Donald Hall	Jake Watson
Terry Harper	James Wood
Linda Kalivas	George Zafirakis
Nicole Kamboukos	

# Ministry Sunday

August 21, 2022





# The Mosaics at the Altar

By Joyce Bavlinka

We are sad to announce the passing of **Robert J. Andrews** who designed and installed the **six mosaic icons that are in front of the altar**. He was 97 years old. He was designated a Greek Orthodox iconographer by Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America.

He installed icons in 38 churches over his 56-year career as an iconographer specializing in 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> Century mosaics. He completely covered the Transfiguration Church in Lowell MA and installed the dome in Holy Trinity San Francisco. It is the largest face of Christ in the world.

He was a person of extreme talents and dedication; a family man and an art teacher. We partnered with him on developing his Artist's File which has been accepted in five museum libraries.

*May his memory be eternal. His works are eternal.*



## \*Free\* Wheelchairs & Walkers Available!

If you or someone you know is in need of a 2-wheel walker, a 4-wheel walker or a wheelchair, please let Natalie in the office know so we can arrange to give them to you..



## 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](#)



## 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!*



# St. Nicodemus Book Discussion Club

## Pan-Orthodox Book Discussion Club

Since its inception in January, the St. Nicodemus Book Discussion Club has grown to include young adults from over six parishes! Our club's mission of connecting young adults (ages 18-35) across the Valley through the reading and discussion of spiritual books has led to the growth of a vibrant pan-Orthodox community. In contrast to the traditional book club format that requires all members to read the same book, the St. Nicodemus Book Club is designed to fit into all schedules. Members choose any one of 185+ books available in the HTC Parish Library, read them at their own pace, and meet virtually twice a month for book discussions.

In addition, the club hosts monthly potluck events that are open to all Orthodox young adults - including non-club members. These potlucks have provided a special opportunity for attendees to enjoy an evening of fellowship and discussion. Starting in September, we plan to invite a "featured speaker" to join us at our monthly events. In August, the book club attended Great Vespers at Assumption Church in Scottsdale to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition. After the service, we attended the reception as a group.

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

Let's Get Connected for Our Latest Events and Updates!

@yalazbookclub

yalazbookclub@gmail.com



To learn more about the book club, explore our Linktree at [linktr.ee/yalazbookclub](https://linktr.ee/yalazbookclub)! You can also follow us on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/yalazbookclub/>) or subscribe to our newsletter to keep up to date on club events and other young adult gatherings happening in Arizona.



### August YA Book Reviews

"The Orthodox Way" by Father Kallistos Ware (Submitted by Brigitte Kloos)

The Orthodox Way focuses primarily on God as different Divine Entities, such as God as Man or God as Father. The book explains how each Divine Entity is manifested in our daily lives. What I really liked about the book is how Father Kallistos uses a plethora of beautiful writings from the Holy Fathers to support his work. The Orthodox Way is, I believe, one of the fundamental books that each Orthodox Christian should have in their library. The depth of each chapter is incredible, and although at times can be a bit challenging of a read, Father Kallistos makes sure to reiterate the point in simpler term, so that us brethren can understand. Overall, a very beautifully written book and one that I will remember!

### August YA Podcast Reviews

"The Word of The Cross" by Father Thomas Hopko (available at [https://www.ancientfaith.com/specials/hopko\\_lectures](https://www.ancientfaith.com/specials/hopko_lectures) - search for "The Word of the Cross") - Submitted by Joey Jalaf

Definitely the most incredible lecture I've ever listened to. I used to find it extremely difficult to explain what Orthodox Christianity is about to coworkers or friends who were curious about it. Maybe because I didn't really understand what it was really about. I used to think "how do I explain what my religion is about?" Over time I realized, especially from this podcast, that instead of thinking of it as just an institution or physical place that I pray and worship, that my faith and my entire my life is centered on a person, Jesus, and Him crucified. If this is so then I should definitely understand what the Cross means, what it tells me about God, about myself, and even about human life. The Cross tells us many things, in fact, it tells us everything, and Father Thomas Hopko does an incredible job of taking something very complicated and making it very understandable. There was nothing that I disliked about this lecture series. Many quotes and themes stood out to me but if I were to choose one it would be that we are made in the image and likeness of God, who is love, to be and to do what God does, to love one another as He loves us. How do we love as He loves us? Only one way: the Cross. I guess one other thing that really stood out to me is Father Thomas Hopko saying that we are insane if we do not know in our gut that we are loved by God and that there is nothing we can do to stop the love of God for us.

### Holy Trinity Parish Library

The parish library, located in the Narthex on the left and right glass bookshelves, is a great resource to discover new spiritual books! We have books for all ages, from children board books to classic Orthodox texts. To see a partial list of the available books, visit <https://bit.ly/33ZnBfr>.

Recently, we received a kind donation of the following books:

His Life is Mine by Archimandrite Sophrony

Ascending the Heights: A Layman's Guide to the Ladder of Divine Ascent by Father John Mack

Living a Balanced Life in an Unbalanced World by Anthony M. Coniaris

Flames of Wisdom by David Beck

Discovering the Rich Heritage of Orthodoxy by Fr. Charles Bell

Guide to the Divine Liturgy by Robert Krantz

Beginning to Pray by Anthony Bloom

Path to Sanity by Dee Pennock

**Donation requests:** If you would like to donate books to the library, please email Mary Pardhe at [yalazbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:yalazbookclub@gmail.com) or meet her after church! We'd like to add the books to our catalog for future reference before they go on the shelves.

A book request from a member is the following: From Ashes and Ruin: Selections from the Writings of St. Gennadios Scholarios (Newrome Press).



# Parish Retreat



**Be the change.**  
Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.  
- Matthew 4:19

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**HTGOC Parish Retreat**  
Together Everyone Achieves More  
James A. Speros Community Center

For more information contact Connie Contes at [connie.contes@gmail.com](mailto:connie.contes@gmail.com)

## YAL Conference Metropolis YAL Labor Day

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Committee held the 2022 YAL Conference for ages 18-35 on Labor Day Weekend, September 1st-5th at the Wyndham Bayside Resort in San Diego, CA.



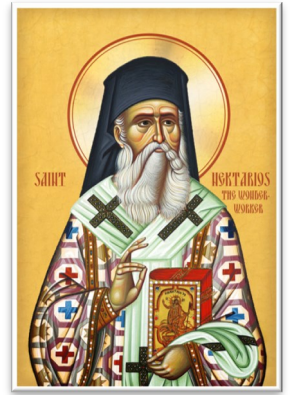
**\*13\*** HTC young adults represented!





# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou  
[stnectoriosphx@gmail.com](mailto:stnectoriosphx@gmail.com)



The month of September allows us the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

## Commemorated on September 8



The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

According to the story found in the Book of James book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

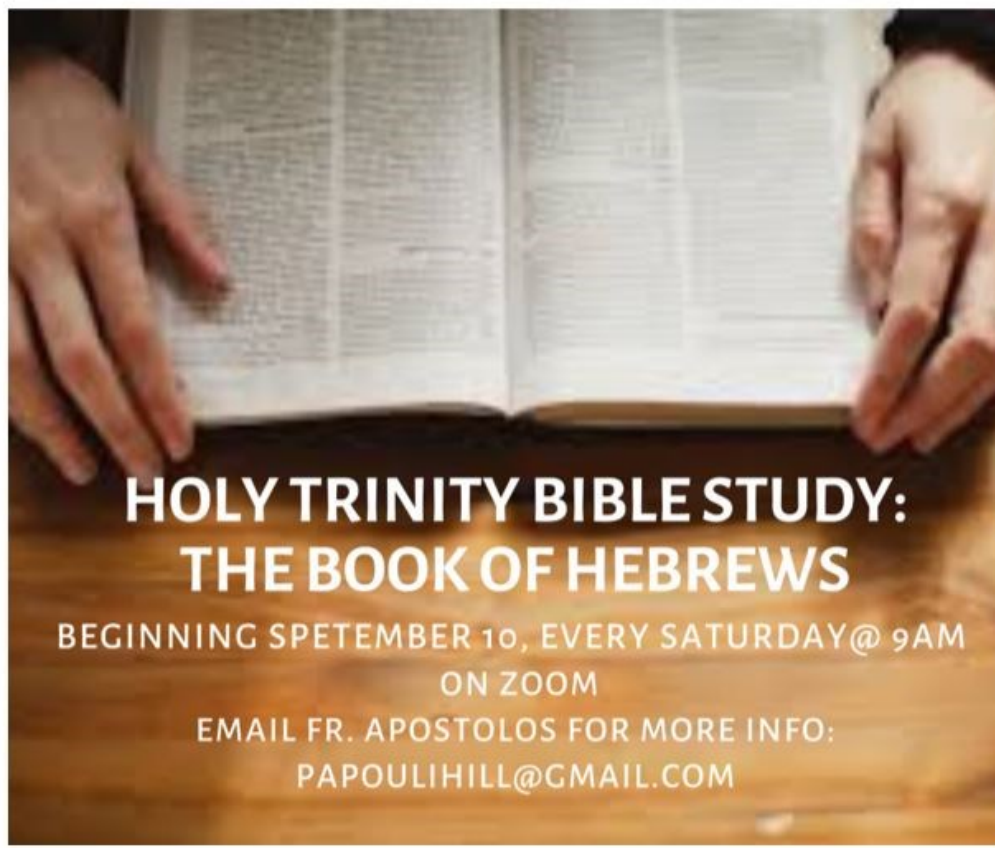
The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.



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# Bible Study

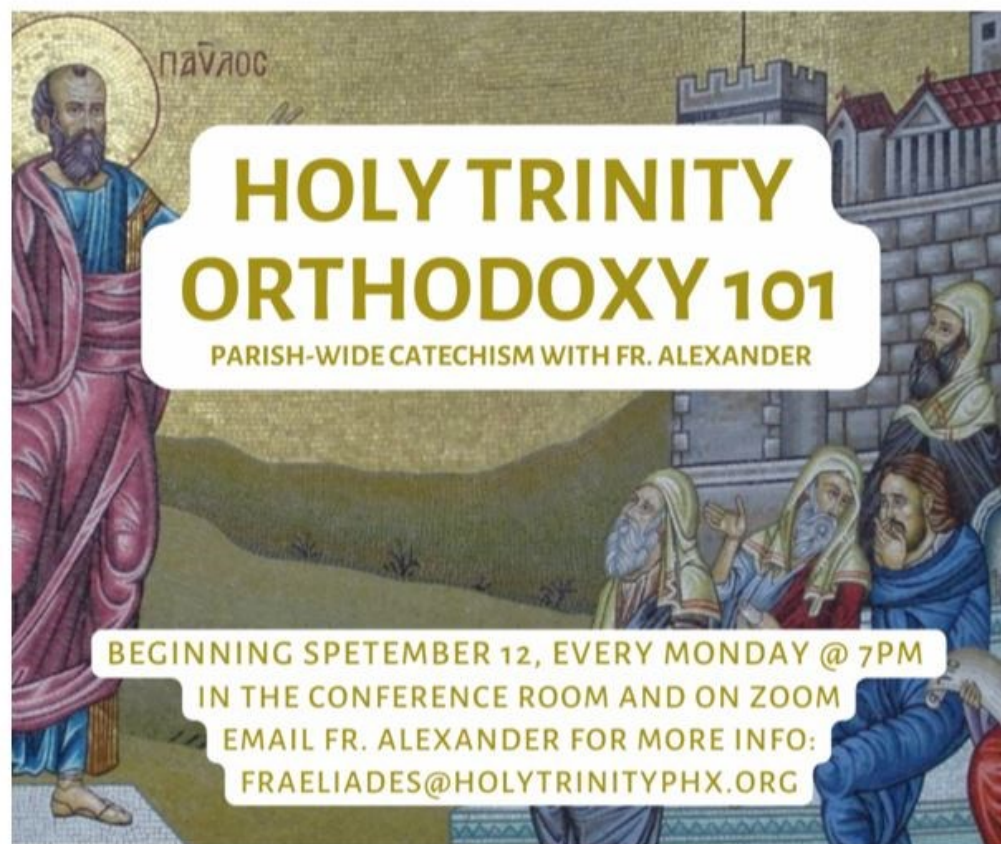


**HOLY TRINITY BIBLE STUDY:  
THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

BEGINNING SPETEMBER 10, EVERY SATURDAY @ 9AM  
ON ZOOM

EMAIL FR. APOSTOLOS FOR MORE INFO:  
PAPOULIHILL@GMAIL.COM

# Orthodoxy 101



**HOLY TRINITY  
ORTHODOXY 101**

PARISH-WIDE CATECHISM WITH FR. ALEXANDER

BEGINNING SPETEMBER 12, EVERY MONDAY @ 7PM  
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND ON ZOOM

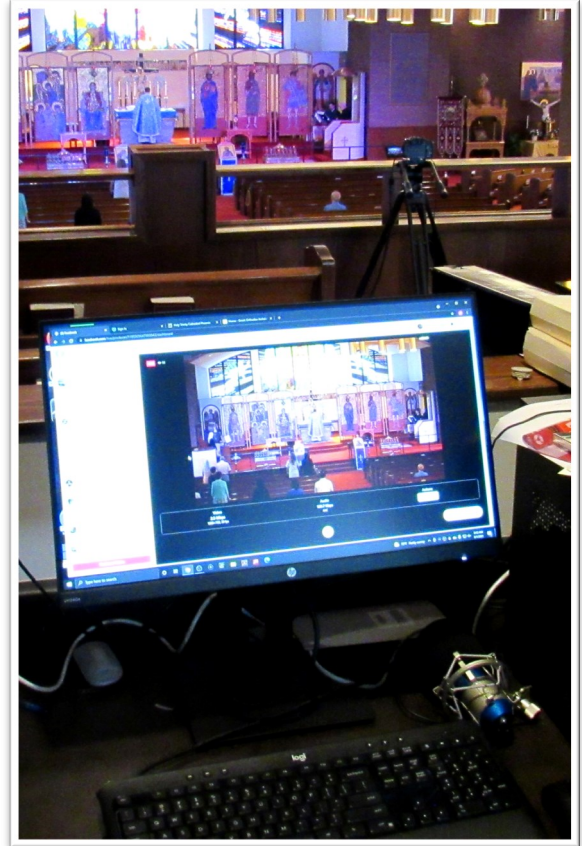
EMAIL FR. ALEXANDER FOR MORE INFO:  
FRAELIADES@HOLYTRINITYPHX.ORG



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 text Kristen at 602-332-8809.

***If you have been receiving the mailed *Desert Springs*, but no longer need it mailed to you, please let the Church Office know. Thank you!***

### *Desert Springs* Subscription

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# You're Invited!

## September 17th - The Feast of Sts. Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Love

Liturgy at 9am followed by Magdalene's Baptism at 10ish am.



## Magdalene Jael Stoutenburg's Baptism

Come and witness Magdalene's Christening and join us for lunch in the church hall to celebrate this blessed event and feast day. All are welcome free of charge.

Please RSVP by September 10th

<https://tinyurl.com/MSbaptism>



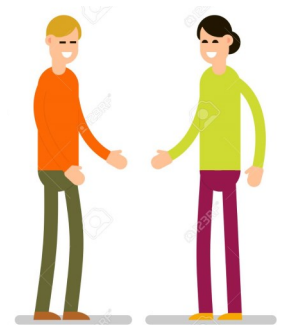
## Light a Candle

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 Help 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 walk with them to the Coffee Social. A personal connection goes far!



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

# Coffee Hours

Thank you to **4F (formerly Sunday School)** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in August.

The September Coffee Hours are sponsored by **OPA**.

*Thank you!*



# Maintenance Corner

By Ted Furlis

[htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com](mailto:htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com)



The Maintenance Committee has been very busy with maintenance projects and preparing for our upcoming festival. We are still working on the lighting issues outside the Chapel and Cathedral. Electrical upgrades are in process around the auxiliary kitchen & patio area in preparation for Festival equipment.

The auxiliary kitchen garage doors are being repaired to function properly. Replacement and rewiring to LED lighting in the kitchen lighting fixtures to brighten the kitchen. A brand new grease trap was installed in the kitchen and has greater capacity. The ovens have been calibrated and the grease vents have been cleaned. The freezer had an issue and was losing temp, and has been repaired. The drains in the washroom and community center have been snaked relieving the backup that was caused by blockage. New wheel casters have been installed on kitchen work tables and speed racks. We have focused on watering to green up the property in preparation for the festival. The roof drains in the Community Center have been unclogged and are now working perfectly. The grills and flat tops used for the Festival have been cleaned. The south east door sill in the Community Center has been repaired allowing the doors to work properly. The auxiliary kitchen is in process of being cleaned out and reorganized in preparation for the Festival. We will be cleaning the walls and ceilings around the patio.

Special thanks to the following members for assisting with all the listed projects: Paul & Dimitri Valonis, John Katsaros, Peter Bilitsis, Ted Furlis, Paul Katsenes, and Natalie Lewis. If you would like to join the Maintenance Committee please call Ted Furlis at 602-625-8835 or Peter Bilitsis at 602-317-7780. You can also email us at [htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com](mailto:htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com)



# Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests

Julie Karoutas

email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com), cell: 623-313-8720 call or text

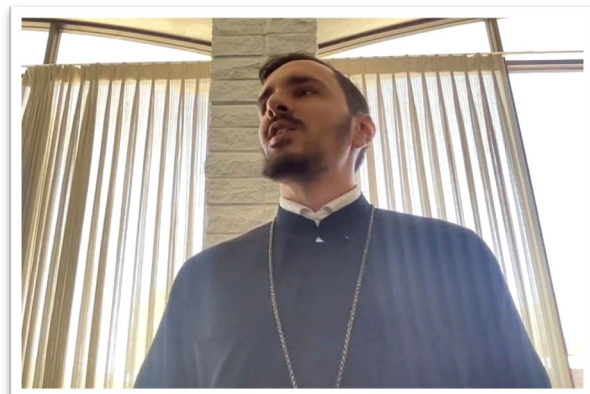


## Desert Diamonds Event- Practical and Spiritual Matters on Death Wednesday, August 30, 2022

At this special gathering, "**The Theological and Practical Things About End of Life**" was explained by both Fr. Alex and Fr. Apostolos; with a question and answer period following.

There were about 35 attendees, with additional viewers who watched the live-stream, and even more who have viewed the video since.

The video is posted on the church's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityphx.org>



## September Gathering

For September, we will be celebrating **Grandparents Day**. It's officially on Sunday, September 11th, but we will celebrate on **Wednesday, the 21st of September** by going out for a nice luncheon. Time and place to be determined by YOU! Send me your suggestions by August 30th! Note: the date had to be changed because of the Baking schedule for the Festival.

I have had several suggestions: Christos; L'Amore on Glendale & 32nd; Tex-Mex on 16th; The Phoenix City Grill on 16th St., they have a room for large groups. Please let me know your preference. We will decide on the most popular and you will be notified.

In Christ,  
*Julie Karoutas*



## Ministry Sunday

Julie Mamani and Julie Karoutas at the Desert Diamonds table.

# AHEPA Chapter 219



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## Community Picnic

Saturday, October 22, 2022

11am to 3pm

McCormick Stillman Park - Aste Ramada:

7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250

BBQ Buffet and Drinks Provided

Cost is FREE!



Activities Include: Miniature and Ridable Railway, Charro Carousel - Merry-go-Round, Park Pavilions (Prentice, Paradise, & Pacific), Railroad Museum and Pullman Car Exhibit, Machine Shop, and Xeriscape Arboretum.

**RSVP by October 15 for food count purposes to  
Art Boujotas - 480-586-0511, [aboujotas@gmail.com](mailto:aboujotas@gmail.com)**



# AHEPA Chapter 219

## AHEPA CHAPTER 219



### Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022

6:30 PM

Holy Trinity Greek  
Orthodox Cathedral  
Community Center

1973 E Maryland Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

**CONTACT STEVE LEMERE**

**770-990-6825**



# Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director  
Gabriella Papatzimas, Teacher



Holy Trinity Greek  
&  
Heritage School of Phoenix

Greek School will be starting September 7

Pre-school Classes 4-5 pm every Wednesday. Must be potty trained, 3-5

5-16 years old multi class 5-7 every Wednesday, Any level is encouraged to register.

Please contact [phxgreeksschool@gmail.com](mailto:phxgreeksschool@gmail.com) or come in for a class. It's not too late to register.

## Registration Form



## 2022-2023 Greek School Calendar

Greek School PK Classes Wednesday 4:00-5:00 , Greek School Classes Wednesday 5:00-7:00

Wednesday, September 7  
Wednesday, September 14  
Wednesday, September 21  
Wednesday, September 28

1<sup>st</sup> day of Greek School

Wednesday, October 5  
Wednesday, October 12  
Wednesday, October 19  
Wednesday, October 26

Culture Greek School/ OXI day (October 28)

Wednesday, November 2  
Wednesday, November 9  
Wednesday, November 16  
Wednesday, November 23

Cultural Greek School  
NO SCHOOL (THANKSGIVING)

Wednesday, December 7  
Wednesday, December 14  
Wednesday, December 21  
Wednesday, December 28

Cultural Greek School/Christmas  
NO SCHOOL (CHRISTMAS)

Wednesday, January 4  
Wednesday, January 11  
Wednesday, January 18  
Wednesday, January 25

Cultural Greek School/Vasilopita Blessing

Wednesday, February 1  
Wednesday, February 8  
Wednesday, February 15  
Wednesday, February 22

Cultural Greek School

Wednesday, March 1  
Wednesday, March 8  
Wednesday, March 15  
Wednesday, March 22  
Sunday March 26  
Wednesday, March 29

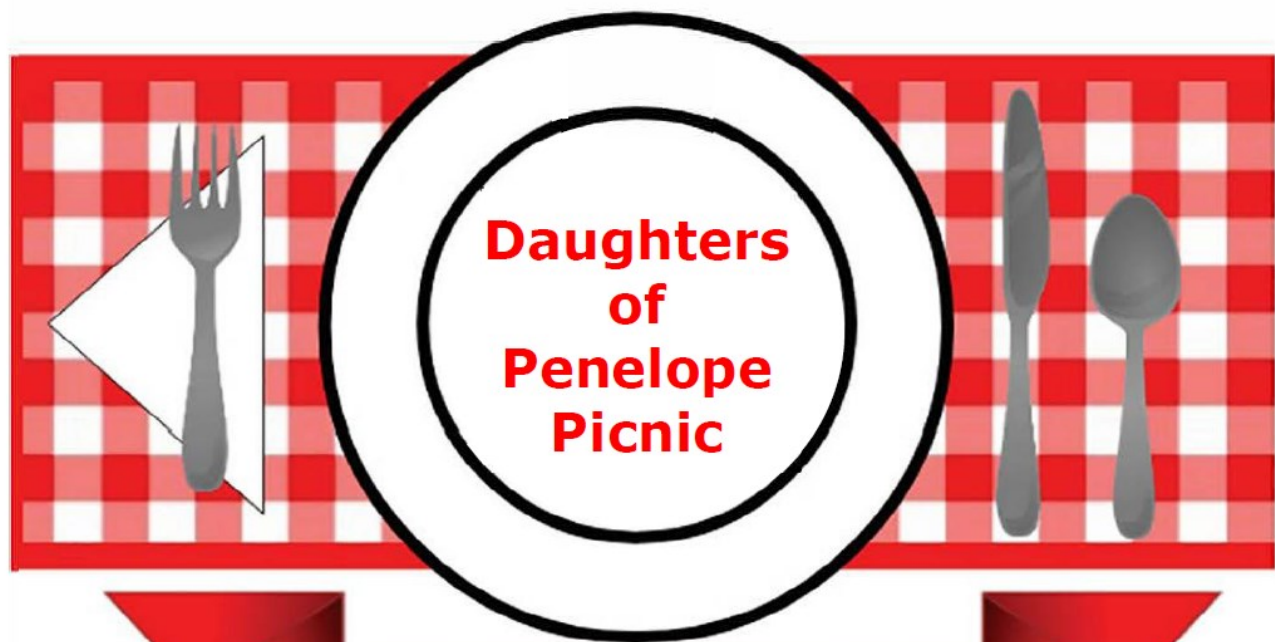
Cultural Greek School/ 25<sup>th</sup> of March

25<sup>th</sup> of March Program after Liturgy

Wednesday, April 5  
Wednesday, April 12  
Wednesday, April 19  
Wednesday, April 26

NO SCHOOL (GOOD WEDNESDAY)  
Graduation/Last Day of Greek School

# Daughters of Penelope Chapter 432



**HOLY TRINITY**  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022**  
**4PM-8PM**

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## *Menu*

**Nacho Bar, Chicken Dinner, Build Your Own Sundaes**  
**Soft Drinks & Frappes – No Host Beer & Wine**

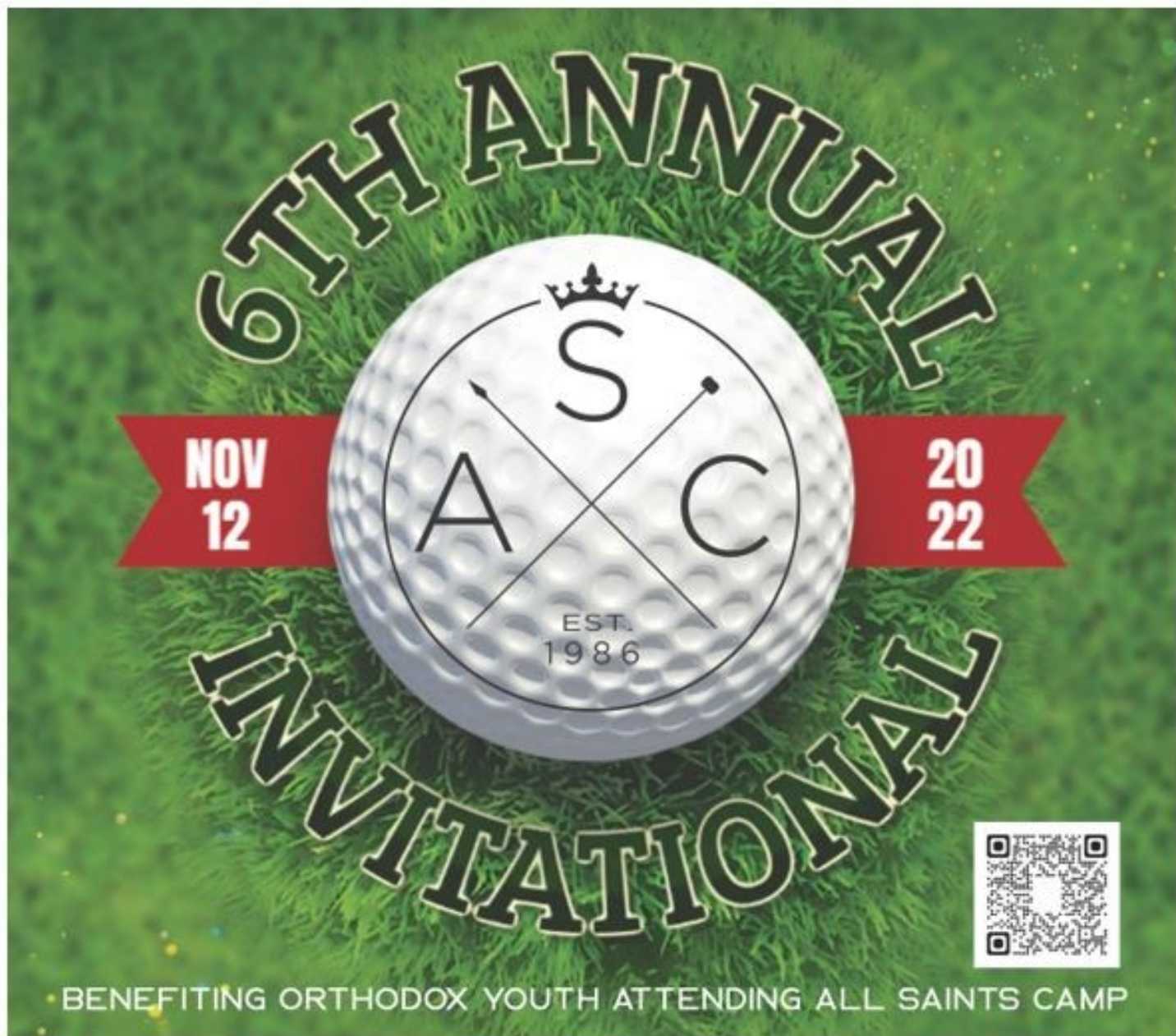
\$20 ADULTS ♦ \$10 CHILDREN 4-10

**FUN & GAMES FOR ALL AGES!**

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# All Saints Camp Fundraiser



## *When & Where*

**NOVEMBER 12, 2022**

8:00 AM Shotgun  
6:30 AM Registration

### **STARFIRE GOLF CLUB**

11500 N Hayden Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

### **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

Assumption Community Center  
8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

## *Event Highlights*

### **4-PERSON SCRAMBLE**

- 18 Holes of Golf
- Player Swag Bag
- Grab & Go Breakfast
- Hole-In-One Opportunities
- Fun On-Course Activities
- Cool Contests
- Team Awards
- Awards Luncheon

## *Entry Fees*

### **VIP PACKAGE**

(Entry Fee + Super Ticket)

VIP Individual Entry \$250  
VIP Foursome Entry \$1,000

### **REGULAR ENTRY\***

Individual Entry \$200  
Foursome Entry \$800

*\*Super Tickets may be purchased on event day for \$75 per player.*

# 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

[ciecomom@gmail.com](mailto:ciecomom@gmail.com),

and we'll get you added to list!

## Parent Meeting

August 14, 2022



Where every adult is a parent to our youth.





# Thank You!



**THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING**

Holy Trinity Cathedral **4F Night**

A special THANK YOU to the Choukalas family  
for hosting the Parents' Night at their home!

# Little Lambs

*Calling All Little Lambs:*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH  
10:00 A.M.  
AT HT - AFTER LITURGY

Father Alexander will be teaching  
a preschool class for the  
Little Lambs group.

Questions or RSVP - Debra: [14dharrison@gmail.com](mailto:14dharrison@gmail.com)



# Little Lambs

COME AND JOIN US!

## LITTLE LAMBS' GREEK FESTIVAL PARADE

FOR CHILDREN AGE 4 AND UNDER

If interested in participating,  
please reply with the following to  
Debra: 14dharrison@gmail.com

- Child's first & last name
- Child's age/DOB
- Parent's full names

Bring 2 checks (made out to OPA) to church this Sunday,  
for costume pick up:

- 1 check non-refundable \$15 dry cleaning
- 1 check \$35 for the costume rental - will be refunded upon  
costume return



Little Lambs





# OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

## Senior Goya Discussion

This upcoming school year we will hold a meeting with our Senior Goya (Grades 9-12) the first Sunday of every month (unless noted below) at 7pm. This will provide our High Schoolers with a great opportunity to connect with each other and their faith. Please mark these dates down:

August 7  
September 11  
October 2  
November 6  
December 4  
January 8  
February 5  
March 5  
April 2  
May 7



There is also a possibility of a Sr. GOYA trip to *San Francisco* in the Spring, keep a look out for that exciting venture!

## OPA Meetings

One of the unique things about Holy Trinity Cathedral has always been OPA (Orthodox Parents Association) and their ability to facilitate ministry. This year we would like to empower the parents of different age groups to have meetings in their homes and other social outings with our groups:

HOPE: Grades 1-3

JOY: 4-6

Jr. Goya: 7-8

Sr. Goya: 9-12

If you are interested in heading up some outings or hosting your child's age group at your house, or simply learning more about OPA, please email Caroline Economopoulos [here](#).

Please also join us also for OPA's informational meeting on **August 14** after Divine Liturgy in the Hall. Refreshments will be offered.



# Our Youth

## Church in the Home

If the faith is not spoken about in the home, there is no point in attempting education at church at all. To better equip our families, we are developing a simple **one page handout "Church in the Home" for each Sunday** that will be sent out every week as well as printed in the Narthex on that Sunday's Gospel. This will contain the Gospel, a small paragraph explaining context and background and some discussion questions for the whole family to grow in their faith.



## Other Opportunities

Reach out to Fr. Alexander [here](#) if you'd like to learn how your children can be involved as Altar Boys, in the Choir, learn Byzantine Chant, join our Greek School, or any other ministry of interest.

Of course you and your children are welcome to join for both Bible Study and Catechism Class throughout the year. More information will be forthcoming on this soon as well.

Our children have been entrusted to us by God to return them to Him as much like Him as they can be. Whether your child will prioritize God and the Church when they grow up is dependent on you prioritizing it when they are home with you. If other events and activities take precedent now, they will take precedent later.

We are all on a journey to Christ together as a Cathedral family, join us this year as we march forward towards Him.

Fr. Apostolos Hill  
Fr. Alexander Eliades





# Greek Dance

Niko Panagiotakopoulos, Director

Email: [npanos01@yahoo.com](mailto:npanos01@yahoo.com)

Call/text: (602) 469-2039



## Festival 2022 Registration

### Parent Meeting on 08/07/2022



### 2022 Dance Practice Schedule

Sunday	September 4th	OFF
Wednesday	September 7th	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 11th	11:45 a.m.
Wednesday	September 14th	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 18th	11:45 a.m.
Wednesday	September 21st	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 25th	11:45 a.m.
Wednesday	September 28th	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 2nd	Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday	October 5th	6:00 p.m. - Slab Rehearsal
Fri-Sun	October 7th-9th	<b>FESTIVAL</b>