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Attention Organizations:

Please check the listings on this page and confirm that the information is correct. Email is the default contact type, but listings can be changed to text or phone if preferred. Email any changes to both the Office at AdminAssist@holytrinityphx.org and Kristen at kvasilarakos@cox.net. **It is the organization’s responsibility** to inform Heidi, Yvonne, and Kristen of any updates to your listing.
Message from Father Alexander

“That’ll Do”

We respect our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters highly but one of the many things that has always bothered me on their terminology of attending church services is “obligation.” Fulfilling one’s “Sunday obligation” is mandatory. Now, they themselves admit this is a poor term, one shouldn’t feel obligated to worship God but should desire Him. Nonetheless we Orthodox often “borrow” this terminology ourselves. Particularly this year when Christmas falls on Monday and Christmas Eve a Sunday, we may feel that simply attending Christmas Eve Morning “will do,” our “obligation” to God being fulfilled and we can continue on with our “real festivities.”

Where to begin?! We simply cannot call ourselves Orthodox Christians if we do not make worshiping the God who Took Flesh For Us a priority on the “holiday” that specifically denotes this! Christmas is not about giving, family time, dinner, gift opening, going to the movies, shopping, cozy nights, and decorations. These should be by-products and secondary to celebrating that our God was born of a woman, in a cold cave, as a baby, and suffered all these things out of His love for us to eternally save us.

So when we consciously decide on Christmas Eve, and especially Christmas morning, to not attend worship for the literal reason for the season we clearly make God second to all these other things. Christ is clear on what happens here. “He who loves these more than me is not worthy of me.” When we come to our usual Sunday morning and say “that’ll do,” ponder a minute on what that truly means. Ponder a minute on the message you send to your children, and especially to yourselves.

For God, it will never “do.” We say over and over “To Him belongs all glory, honor, and worship.” Not “That’ll do.” When God condescends to come to earth from His Heavenly Throne and take on our humanity, be born as a helpless baby crying in cold Bethlehem that will never do.

This Christmas don’t think about what will fulfill your “obligation” to Church. Think about how you can worship and give thanks to God the most for all His salvific acts for us. Truly attempt to come to all these services to fully worship and honor Christ:

**Friday, December 22, 8am:** Royal Hours of Christmas  
**Saturday, December 23, 5pm:** Great Vespers for the Forefeast of Christmas  
**Sunday, December 24, 8/9:30am:** Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Forefeast of Christmas  
  **6pm:** Liti and Orthros for Christmas  
**Monday, December 25, 8am:** Divine Liturgy
Stewardship
By Sandy Meris

STEWARDSHIP 2024
“Well done, good & faithful servant”
Matthew 25:23

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

It is with a grateful heart that I welcome you to Stewardship 2024 that embodies the theme, “Well done, good & faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:23). I cannot think of a more appropriate theme for Holy Trinity, as this past year we have grown our Stewardship as a Cathedral family.

Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for his grace and generosity. The question is not, “What are my stewardship dues?” but “How can I thank God for my many blessings?” We see our church, not as it is, but as it could be. We offer our treasure and ourselves sacrificially, so that, as a member of the Body of Christ, we may reach our full potential in Him.

By now you should have received your 2024 Stewardship Commitment Card in the mail. Please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. If you are able to increase your pledge over last year, please do so as our goal is to become a tithing Cathedral. Giving is an expression of your commitment and thanks for the many blessings in your life. We thank you for being a 2024 Steward of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

STEWARDSHIP GRATITUDE LUNCHEON
Sunday, December 10th

Please join us Sunday, December 10th for our annual FREE Stewardship Gratitude Luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy.

We ask that on that day you bring your completed 2024 Pledge Card to Liturgy where they will be collected and taken up to the altar to be blessed by the Fathers. Then, please join us in the large hall where we will break bread together as a Cathedral family with a Lenten luncheon and celebrate our stewards with gratitude!

For those who fill out your pledge card online, we will have special cards in the Narthex for you so that your pledge may be included in the blessing at the altar.

SHELBYNEXT IS HERE!

Our ShelbyNext system is in place and we encourage all of our stewards to please join us in filling out your pledge card online and sign up to pay your stewardship through ShelbyNext. This user-friendly system makes becoming a steward and making payments simple!

Go to: www.holytrinityphx.org
Click on “stewardship” in the upper right hand corner
Click on “pledge card” - fill out and submit
Then click on “stewardship” again
Click on “ShelbyNext” and fill out and submit
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**2023 PLEDGED FAMILIES**

We offer you our thanks for your dedication to our parish and your participation in Christ’s work of salvation.

If you have filled out a 2023 Pledge Card but your name does not appear on this list, please know any omissions are unintentional. Please call the Church office immediately and we will resolve the situation.
**JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 2024**

*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 2023, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

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**Next Meeting on Thursday,**

December 7, 2023

at 6:30pm

in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center

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Join us for our annual Christmas gift exchange following the meeting! Bring a gift (value about $15-$20) in unmarked wrapping.

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**What is Philoptochos?**

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

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

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Holy Trinity’s

St. Katherine Philoptochos

Kristen Vasilarakos, President
Holy Trinity’s St. Katherine Philoptochos
Bake Sale—Final Order Date is December 10th

ST. KATHERINE PHILOPTOCHEOS
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

NAME ______________________________

PHONE # ______________________ EMAIL __________________________

ITEMS AVAILABLE:

TSOURI $12 each (please specify quantity & type):

______ PLAIN
______ ALMOND
______ SESAME

TOTAL $ __________

KOULOURAKI $12 dozen (how many?) __________ TOTAL $ __________

BAKLAVA $30 per 8” x 8” pan (how many?) __________ TOTAL $ __________

GRAND TOTAL $ __________

PAYMENT:

CHECK NO. ___________________ AMOUNT $ ______________________

(Please make check payable to: PHILOPTOCHEOS)

CREDIT CARD # ___________________ CVV _____ EXP _______ ZIP ________

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK (IF APPLICABLE) TO:

PHILOPTOCHEOS BAKE SALE
2136 E. Missouri Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS DECEMBER 10, 2023

ALL ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON SUNDAY, December 17, ONLY.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ALEX at 602-738-6083 or GEORGIA at 602-291-5911.
Holy Trinity’s St. Katherine Philoptochos

December Baking Dates!

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023 9am-2pm
- Thursday, December 14, 2023 9am-2pm
- Friday, December 15, 2023 9am-2pm

Philoptochos Trays

Our chapter passes trays throughout the year to benefit various causes. Following Divine Liturgy six times a year, the women of Philoptochos will pass trays to collect your donations for the following beneficiaries:

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- 11/05/2023 the Patriarchate
- 11/19/2023 the chapter here at HTC
- 12/03/2023 St. Nicholas Ranch
- 01/07/2024 St. Basil’s Academy
- 04/28/2024 Epitaphio Flowers for HTC

In most cases, our chapter will add to the collected amount. Please make checks payable to “Philoptochos”. Your donations are much appreciated!

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Coffee in the Conference Room

Tuesdays at 9:30 am
All are welcome!

Assisting with a Mailing on a Tuesday
Holy Trinity’s St. Katherine Philoptochos  
Artoklasia in Honor of St. Katherine

Upcoming Vasilopita Event

Please join us on **Sunday, January 7th**, in the **Speros Community Center**, following **Divine Liturgy**. The Silent Auction will follow after the various cuttings. We auction several beautiful Vasilopitas made by the ladies of the Philoptochos for you to take home and share with your families to start the New Year. We look forward to seeing you.

Mission Statement

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women’s philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:

- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fundraising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;
- To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;
- To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy, and kindness.
Parish Assembly - Official Notification

Our Parish Assembly will be held Sunday Dec. 10 following Divine Liturgy.
All Stewards in good standing are eligible to vote.
Please call the Cathedral office if you have any questions.

Parish Assembly Meeting—December 10, 2023
(Immediately following Divine Liturgy)

A meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral;
Speros Community Center.
1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.
As provided in the uniform parish regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America—Stewards in Good Standing are invited to attend and participate.

Agenda
1) Call to order – Paul Katsenes, President, Parish Council
2) Opening Prayer- Fr. Apostolos
3) Determine if a Quorum exists
4) Election of Chairperson for Parish Assembly
5) Appoint Parliamentarian, President, Paul T. Katsenes
6) Appoint secretary of Chairman and reading of minutes of previous Parish Assembly
7) Fr. Apostolos and Fr. Alexander updates for the Parish
8) 2024 Budget review and adoption of budget-Jim Manelis
9) Stewardship Committee Report - Sandy Meris
10) Investment /OSOV Committee – Charles DeMoss
11) Festival Committee Report – Nick Kretsedemas, Ted Fourlis, Angelo Pestrivas
12) Community Refresh Project – Connie Contes
13) Elect Board of Elections 2024 (min of 3 members for 1 year term)
14) Unfinished Business
15) New Business
16) For the Good of the Cathedral
17) Closing Prayer
18) Motion to Adjourn
Stories from the Bible

We are excited to announce that we will be leading our children through a journey of Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation beginning August 20 after Divine Liturgy. This 32 week syllabus begins in Eden with the Creation and ends on Patmos with St. John. If you wish to assist with treats, please speak with Presvytera Denise or to assist with crafts, please speak with Debra Harrison.

FOCUS Kickoff Meeting for the Homeless Shelter

Steve Christoforou from FOCUS North America will be returning to Phoenix on Sunday, Jan. 21 for a follow-up to the July meeting regarding the establishment of a new homeless shelter in Phoenix. Over 50 parishioners from 10 parishes attended the July meeting. There was significant interest in pursuing this idea and we’re ready to move forward with a kickoff meeting and team formation! If you have any questions about the proposed FOCUS shelter in Phoenix or want to be involved in the effort, please contact Steve at schristoforou@focusna.org. The recording of the presentation can be found at https://bit.ly/3O2roul.
Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry

Living Orthodox is a national, pan-Orthodox ministry that is building a community of young adults (18-30s) who are striving to grow in and connect with their faith. Sign up for our email newsletter at http://eepurl.com/ixBiEk to be informed about upcoming events!

Living Orthodox Retreat: Recap

On October 28-29, Holy Trinity Cathedral held the first Living Orthodox retreat! Over 30 young adults from six parishes across Arizona attended the event. On Saturday, we started with breakfast at 8 am, followed by morning prayers. Then, participants attended presentations, workshops, and activities as a part of the twelve-hour retreat. The keynote speaker, Father Timothy Pavlatos from St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, began the day with a talk on “Thanksgiving: Living a Eucharistic Life.” Next on the agenda was a presentation by psychologist John Hinson on the topic: “Healing of Body and Soul: Eucharistic Participation and Mental Wellness.”

After the main presentations, the participants visited the Speros Center kitchen to learn about baking prosphora from Joanna Mackos, assisted by Panagiota Agelakos, Dena Kantaros, and Georgia Kotsovos, and witness the process of making and sealing prosphora loaves. While the prosphora loaves were baking, participants split into three simultaneous workshop tracks:

1. Father Apostolos Hill and Father Timothy Pavlatos led the Ask-A-Priest forum, allowing participants to ask questions in a small-group setting.
2. Anastazius Kaejatidarjan led an interactive workshop on Byzantine chant that gave attendees a basic intro to chant by practicing the first ode of the Katavasias of Nativity.
3. Joyce Bavlinka and Tristan Stoutenburg co-led a workshop on iconography that included both an overview of the use of icons in the church and a special tour of the icons in the cathedral and St. George Chapel.

After the afternoon lunch break, Holy Trinity Cathedral parishioner, Chris Lopez, led a service project to pack 50 bundles of blankets and toiletries for distribution to those experiencing homelessness. All the attendees were able to take a few bundles home to distribute to those in need.

Next on schedule was a special opportunity to hear from young adult ministry leaders in the Valley. The presenters were Megan Joksimovic, the current president of ASU’s Orthodox Christian Ministry (OCF) chapter; Eli Mallouhi, the youth pastor at St. George Antiochian Church; Niko Paris, the youth director at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church; and Ian deGrasse, founder of the Inklings group at St. George Antiochian Church. Each presenter shared their path into their current role in young adult ministry, the lessons they have learned along the way, and encouragement for building up the next generation of leaders in church ministry.

After an opportunity to talk with the presenters, the attendees headed outside to play a lively game led by John Schneider and enjoy a break in the fresh air. When the game ended, attendees had time

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Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry
Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry
to connect with each other before attending Vespers. Following service, we enjoyed a delicious dinner and ended the evening with discussions and board games led by Daniel Tirsoreanu.

Hard-working Phillip Panagiotoglou prepped and cooked breakfast, lunch, and dinner for all! Teens Sophia and Nichole Philippis helped in the kitchen for the evening meal.

Photographer was Daniel Valenzuela, who captured the many activities provided during this full day retreat.

Complimentary childcare was provided from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Saturday. On Sunday, a small group of attendees went on a fun group trip to Dave and Buster’s at Tempe Marketplace and enjoyed food and games.

Videos of all the presentations are posted on our YouTube channel (https://tinyurl.com/LOvideosYT)! Please see the next two pages for photos from the event.

January 2024

On January 21, we will be having a special follow-up presentation by Steve Christoforou from FOCUS North America. Steve visited Holy Trinity in July to discuss the establishment of a new homeless shelter in Phoenix. Over 50 parishioners from 10 parishes attended and there was significant interest in pursuing this idea. Now, we’re ready to move forward with a kickoff meeting and team formation! If you have any questions about the proposed FOCUS shelter in Phoenix or want to be involved in the effort, please contact Steve Christoforou at schristoforou@focusna.org. The recording of the July presentation can be found on our Living Orthodox YouTube channel (https://bit.ly/3O2rouI). This event is open to all parishes and all ages! Please RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/HTCphx.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Living Orthodox, please email livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com! You can also visit https://linktr.ee/livingorthodox for links to our Instagram channel and Discord server.
Friendsgiving Potluck & Pie Contest
November 12, 2023

This wonderful event was organized by Presvytera Laura, attended by many who brought enough food to feed double. Much to be thankful for!
Congratulations to Judith Lamond for winning the pie contest!
Celebration Committee

Let’s Celebrate!

On the first Sunday of each month, the Celebration Committee organizes a potluck during coffee hour to celebrate all the special events in parishioners’ lives and birthdays that take place in that month. Please join us every month and bring your favorite food item to share!

During the November Celebration Sunday, we celebrated Bill and Jean Miller’s 67th wedding anniversary, Stella Glitsos’ 99th birthday, and all November birthdays. Since it was Godparent’s Sunday, we co-hosted the event with Sunday School/4F. The event was held outside on the patio with fall-themed tablecloths and décor. Large balloons with “Happy Thanksgiving” and other seasonal sentiments were strung on the perimeter of the patio, while each table had an icon and a ceramic vase with fall foliage. Everyone was overjoyed to celebrate with Stella Glitsos. A “Happy Birthday” card for Stella and a “Happy Anniversary” card for the Millers was signed by those in attendance.

We greatly appreciate those who have shared their milestone events with our Holy Trinity 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 send an email with suggestions and details to: htcphxevents@gmail.com.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please email htcphxevents@gmail.com and/or talk to Terri Alexon or Mary Pardhe!
Celebration Sunday & Godparents Sunday
November 5, 2023
Celebration Committee

December Birthdays

Debbie Babakitis
Christopher Bass
Nicholas Beaty
Anthony Boyd
Helen Bruno
Kathrene Carras
Anne Chimonas
Harriet Chotras
Dina Chronis
Andrew Contes
Angeliki Cooper
Dimitrios Deligiannis
Karla Delord
Nathan Delord
Bill C. DeMoss
John DeMoss
Petros
Economopoulos
Alexander Eliades
Andi Fourlis
Daniel Fraenkel
Celeste Francis
Dinos Georges
Patty Giannopoulos
Aidan Haugen
Dan Horvath
Roya Kamali
Ella Kamboukos
Pete Karegeannes Jr.
Kelley Katsanos
Chris Katsanes
Kyriaki Kentimenos

William King
Matina Kokalis
Hendrix Lopez
Efia Mallas
Pete' Marudas
Angela Mead
Effie Mousses
Annamarie Nieblas
Sophia Panagiotakopoulos
Stephanie Papadopoulos
Danain Papamatheakis
Olga Papamatheakis
Rita Papaspyrou
Spyros Papaspyrou
William Petsas
Sophia Philippis
Gregory Sacks
Kalliopi Schneider
Diane Sedlacek
Jonathan Sgouros
Traci Sgouros
Oliver Solheim
Christina S. Speros
Christine Stamatis
Jane Steffens
Wendy Tsaninios
Gerri Tsantilas
Christina Tzavelas
Zachary Wilhelmi
William Wilson
Isidoros Zannis
Jerry Zannis
Our Church Family

40 Day Blessing
“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

11/12/2023
Emilia, daughter of Eleni Athanasopoulou & Yanni Ntarladimas
God’s Blessings be upon her.

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

11/11/2023
Jaxon, son of Danielle & Jason Lowell
Godparent: Tania & Anthony Miaoulis
God’s Blessings be upon him.

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

11/03/2023
Tassie Ladas
May her memory be eternal.

Church Website

Light a Candle
In this time more than ever we need prayer. For those not able to come to the Cathedral, 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.

Have you checked out the website lately?
www.holytrinityphx.org
Events • Services • Photos • Calendar • Stewardship

Did you know?
We have had 39,590 site visitors in the last 12 months!

Wheel Chair & Walker
If you have a wheel chair or walker that is not needed anymore, please donate it to the church. We are in need of another workable Wheel Chair and a Walker for the Narthex.
Busy Mats

Resources for our little ones and parents!

We are pleased to make available for our youngest members a supply of Baby Mats in the Narthex!

These "busy mats," lovingly crafted by one of our parishioners, provide a variety of tactile challenges for infants and toddlers to occupy them during the Divine Services.

Please feel free to utilize them as needed for your little ones and simply return them (refolded) to the basket in the Narthex when exiting the services.

Please also remember to utilize the Children’s Guide to the Divine Liturgy booklets previously made available to you. This excellent resource fosters an essential connection to the Divine Liturgy in an accessible way to our young ones.

Fr. Apostolos & Fr. Alexander

National Clergy Retreat
Great Vespers
November 1, 2023

Photos by Kristen Bruskas
The month of December offers us the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as the feast days of Sts Nicholas the Wonderworker and Spyridon the Wonderworker and bishop of Tremithus.

Nativity of our Lord
Commemorated on December 25

The Feast of the Nativity of Jesus is one of the most joyful days of the Orthodox Church. It ranks next to the greatest holiday, the Resurrection of Jesus. The Feast of the Birth of Jesus is also known as the "Incarnation of Christ." This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as Christmas.

Emperor Augustus ordered that a census be taken in all his lands. Everyone had to go to the town of their family's origin to register for the census. This meant that Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. They were descendants of King David and Bethlehem was the City of David.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth and it was a great distance from Bethlehem. Mary was expecting the baby and it was almost time for her to give birth. Bethlehem was a small town and there were many descendants of David who had come to register for the census. By the time Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no place for them to stay. Finally, Joseph found a cave-like place where they could rest. This place was used by shepherds to protect their sheep in stormy weather. It was there that Mary gave birth to Jesus. The baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the straw in the manger.

Now, that night the shepherds were out in the fields guarding their sheep. Suddenly, there was a bright light which startled them. The light was so bright that it turned the night into daylight. Of course, the shepherds were frightened. Nothing such as this had ever happened. Soon an angel appeared and calmed them. The angel said: "Fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior; which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11-12).

Then a larger group of angels appeared. They praised and glorified God and sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). When the angels finished singing, they disappeared and the light began to fade. It became dimmer and dimmer until it was dark again. The shepherds were awed. They didn't know what to do. Finally, they decided to leave their flocks of sheep and go to Bethlehem. They decided that they wanted to see for themselves what the angels had told them. When they got to Bethlehem, they found Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. They fell to their knees and adored Jesus.
Some Wise Men came from the East for they knew of the coming of Jesus. They had seen a star that told them that a new king had been born to the Jews. They followed the star and were looking for the child. At this time the governor of Judea was King Herod. He was a wicked man and was feared and hated by the people. When Herod heard about the Wise Men looking for the child, he invited them to his palace. Herod asked the Wise Men to find the child so that he, too, could worship Him. But Herod was lying. He did not want anyone to take his place. The Wise Men went on to look for Jesus. The Star led them to Jesus and Mary. When the Wise Men found Jesus, they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. They gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Wise Men left but did not return to Herod. They had a dream that warned them that Herod wanted to harm Jesus. Instead, they returned to their native country by a different route.

**Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker**

Commemorated on December 6

St. Nicholas was born in Lycia (in Asia Minor) around the end of the third century, to pious Christian parents. His love of virtue, and his zeal for observing the canons of the Church, were evident from his infancy, when he would abstain from his mother's milk every Wednesday and Friday until the evening. From early youth he was inclined to solitude and silence; in fact, not a single written or spoken word of the Saint has come down to us. Though ordained a priest by his uncle, Archbishop Nicholas, he attempted to withdraw to a hermit's life in the Holy Land; but he was told by revelation that he was to return home to serve the Church publicly and be the salvation of many souls.

When his parents died, he gave away all of his inheritance to the needy, and thereafter almsgiving was his greatest glory. He always took particular care that his charity be done in secret. Perhaps the most famous story of his open-handedness concerns a debt-ridden man who had no money to provide dowries for his daughters, or even to support them, and in despair had resolved to give them into prostitution. On three successive nights the Saint threw a bag of gold into the window of the man's house, saving him and his daughters from sin and hopelessness. The man searched relentlessly to find and thank his benefactor; when at last he discovered that it was Nicholas, the Saint made him promise not to reveal the good deed until after he had died.

God honored his faithfulness by granting him unparalleled gifts of healing and wonderworking. Several times he calmed storms by his prayers and saved the ship that he was sailing in. Through the centuries he has often done the same for sailors who call out to him, and is considered the patron of sailors and all who go to sea.

His numberless miracles through the ages, on behalf of the countless Christians who have called on him, cannot be told.

He was elected Bishop of Myra not long before the great persecutions under Diocletian and Maximian (c. 305), and was put in prison, from which he continued to encourage his flock in the Faith.
St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

heresy wracked the Church not long after Constantine came to the throne, St Nicholas was one of the 318 Bishops who gathered in Nicea in 325. There he was so incensed at the blasphemies of Arius that he struck him on the face. This put the other bishops in a quandary, since the canons require that any hierarch who strikes anyone must be deposed. Sadly, they prepared to depose the holy Nicholas; but in the night the Lord Jesus and the most Holy Theotokos appeared to them, telling them that the Saint had acted solely out of love for Truth, not from hatred or passion, and that they should not act against him.

While still in the flesh, he sometimes miraculously appeared in distant places to save the lives of the faithful. He once saved the city of Myra from famine by appearing to the captain of a ship full of grain, telling him to take his cargo to the city. He appeared in a dream to Constantine to intercede for the lives of three Roman officers who had been falsely condemned; the three grateful soldiers later became monks.

The holy bishop reposed in peace around 345. His holy relics were placed in a church built in his honor in Myra, where they were venerated by throngs of pilgrims every year. In 1087, after Myra was conquered by the Saracens, the Saint's relics were translated to Bari in southern Italy, where they are venerated today. Every year, quantities of fragrant myrrh are gathered from the casket containing his holy relics.

Saint Nicholas is also commemorated on May 9 (The transfer of his relics) and on July 29 (his nativity).

Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker

Commemorated on December 12

Saint Spyridon of Tremithus was born towards the end of the third century on the island of Cyprus. He was a humble shepherd, and had a wife and a daughter, Irene. He used all his substance for the needs of his neighbors and the homeless, for which the Lord rewarded him with a gift of wonderworking. He healed those who were incurably sick, and cast out demons.

Though he was poor himself, his house and table were always open to travelers and those in need. He kept his money in a box which he left open and available to all, not concerning himself with who took from it or whether they were deserving or not. In time, his wife died and, with less worldly cares, he redoubled his prayers and his almsgiving.

He became so well-loved on the island that, when the bishop of the town of Tremithos died, the faithful unanimously chose Spyridon to succeed him, and he thus became a shepherd of rational sheep as well as the beasts he had tended. Despite his sudden elevation in rank, he kept to his former manner of life, traveling everywhere on foot, tending his animals as before, while fulfilling all the duties of a bishop as well. (To portray this godly humility, his icon shows him wearing bishop's vestments and a peasant's woven straw hat.)

His compassion for others was boundless. Though he was very strict with himself, he would always break a fast to give comfort to a traveler.
Pages could be filled with stories of the miracles wrought by the holy bishop for the good of his flock: through his prayers he ended a drought, turned a snake to gold to help a poor man, and even raised the dead son of a poor widow.

All the Lives of the saint speak of the amazing simplicity and the gift of wonderworking granted him by God. Through a word of the saint the dead were awakened, the elements of nature tamed, the idols smashed.

His radiant virtue touched the consciences of those he met so that many would spontaneously fall at his feet and confess their sins.

When the Emperor Constantine summoned the First Ecumenical Council in 325, Spyridon attended, dressed in his simple peasant’s garb. At one of the sessions, a proud Arian philosopher challenged the Orthodox to a debate about the Holy Trinity, and was amazed when the simple Spyridon stepped forward to accept the challenge. He and all the other bishops were far more amazed when the uneducated peasant bishop confounded all the Arian's arguments with his eloquent, Spirit-inspired words. The humbled philosopher admitted that he was convinced, embraced the Orthodox faith, and called upon the other Arians to abandon their human wisdom and embrace the true and life-giving Faith.

At that Council, Saint Spyridon displayed the unity of the Holy Trinity in a remarkable way. He took a brick in his hand and squeezed it. At that instant fire shot up from it, water dripped on the ground, and only dust remained in the hands of the wonderworker. “There was only one brick,” Saint Spyridon said, “but it was composed of three elements. In the Holy Trinity there are three Persons, but only one God.”

The holy bishop always celebrated the Divine Liturgy with joy. Once, serving in a remote, almost empty church, he turned to the invisible congregation and said "Peace be unto all!", and his disciple heard a choir of angels respond "And with thy spirit!"

Saint Spyridon reposed in peace in 348 at the age of seventy-eight. His incorrupt and wonder-working relics poured forth miracles for the people of Cyprus until the seventh century, when they were moved to Constantinople to escape the Arab invasion; when the City fell to the Turks, the relics were again moved to Corfu, where they are venerated to this day. Even after 1,500 years, the holy relics remain incorrupt and work many life-giving wonders. Saint Spyridon is venerated as the Patron of Corfu.

Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas
Saturday, November 25, 2023
Liturgical Services will continue to be **live streamed** by Father Apostolos and Father Alexander.

All services can 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.

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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.

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The page offers news of our Parish Community, in addition to offering links to videos of our services. [Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral—Phoenix, AZ](http://www.holytrinityphx.org)
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 **inviolate** and be held in perpetuity by the Church. The funds are prudently managed by the investment committee, which reports to the Parish Council. The investment committee only approves withdrawals from the earnings and appreciation, over and above the donor’s contributions, and are used only to benefit Holy Trinity and its ministries.

Over the course of the past twenty-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 **$654,340.00**.

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.

**Endowment Gifts**

**Platinum Donors: $100,000+**
- Faye Boukas
- George & Ann Souvall
- John George Thomas

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- Dr. Nicholas Baziotes

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- The DeMoss Families
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**General Endowment Fund donations over $1,000.00**
- Dr. Christopher J. DeMoss, the Lambrou Family

**In Memory Of Gifts:**

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

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

Julie Karoutas
for senior parishioners and their guests:

Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends,

I pray that you all have enjoyed a Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. We have so much to be grateful for!

Below is our December outing.

Thursday, December 7th, at 12:10pm, at the Herberger Lunchtime Theater, to see "Snow Queen". Please make your reservations ASAP, seating for this event is limited.

Delight in this magical story about the power of true love, as young Gerda seeks to rescue Kai from the Snow Queen's Icy Palace, based on Hans Christian Anderson's "Wintery fairy tail of the struggle between good & evil. Please note that a box lunch will be provided in the final cost; $16.00 for Theater & box lunch!

Location: Herberger Theater; 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix, AZ 85004 Tel.# 602.254.7399; Begins at 12:10pm

Either email or call or see me after church to make your reservation & pay for the venue.

Save the date: January 17, 2024; Coffee at Kerr; ASU Kerr Cultural Center, Scottsdale for "The Barber of Seville".

With love in Christ,
Julie Karoutas, email: juliekaroutas@gmail.com
Cell# 623.313.8720

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!
Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

Thank you to the Dance for sponsoring Coffee Socials in November.

The December Coffee Socials are sponsored by Philoptochos.

Young Adult Holiday Party
December 8, 2023

Vigil
December 1, 2023
Pickleball & Basketball Court Dedication
November 12, 2023

Court Dedication Ceremony
Dedication ceremony of the newly resurfaced basketball and pickle ball court took place on November 12, 2023. The funds were donated by Tracy Poulos in memory of her late husband James Poulos. The ceremony took place at the courts and a small reception followed, sponsored by Elite Sports Builders.

Flag Football
Thanksgiving Morning
Friends of the Festival

**PLATINUM $1000 or more**
Hon. Connie Contes (ret.) & Hon. Hercules A. Dellas
Charles C. DeMoss
John, Marjorie, Alexa, & Costa DeMoss
Diane Herman
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  IMO Nicholas Meris
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Tracy Poulos
  IMO James Poulos

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Nick Maydanis
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The Choukalas Family
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Stephanie Yarusinsky
George & Tina Zannis

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Ted & Andi Fourlis
The Georgelos Family
Elias & Mary Lampos
James & Stephanie Machas
Nicole & David Pyle
Sackos Family
Paul Sarantes

Original Phoenix Greek Festival
AHEPA Chapter 219

Our Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, December 21 at 6 PM

Holy Trinity
Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Community Center
1973 E Maryland Ave
Phoenix, AZ

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?
CONTACT STEVE LEMERE
602-882-9990
As we roll into the Christmas Holiday Season, memories of a Blessed and Grateful Thanksgiving holiday still linger on!
Enjoy some pics from both our October 21st Joint/luncheon meeting and our recent November 19th, Founder’s Day meeting, Bake Sale and hosting a delicious Luncheon after church. Both successful, thanks to our Board Members, and some of our sisters. Together We Are Strong! A special Thanks, to our Brother AHEPAN, Phillip Panagiotoglou!

Upcoming events: Dates TBA (Check your emails)
A Christmas celebration
Wine Tasting Mtg./Social
A special Dinner/Mtg. our hosts for Dinner, #219, our Brother Ahepans

Your 2023/2024 Helenos #432 Board of Officers:
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In Theta Pi,
Julie Karoutas,
President #432
Youth Christmas Party
Join us **Friday, Dec. 8 at 4pm-bedtime** for the youth Christmas Party at the Papamatheakis Home. We will have a white elephant gift exchange and tons of fun! Please RSVP to Olga Papamatheakis at olgakriti@gmail.com

Youth 4F Night
Youth 4F Night: Join us **Saturday, Dec. 16 at 4:30 pm** for an evening of Faith, Fellowship, Christmas Fun and Food. All of our youth from Grades 1-12 are invited to join us for this great night. Keep an eye out for registration!

Our 4F Nights return again on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 4:30pm-8pm! Our theme this year is "**God is Wondrous in His Saints**" and every month we will learn about a different "type" of saint and how we can apply what they did to our lives as Orthodox Christians even in our world today! PLEASE mark off these dates in your calendar for the whole year.
Youth Ministries at Holy Trinity Cathedral 2022/23

House Meetings
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.

Other Opportunities
Reach out to Fr. Alexander here if you'd like to learn how your children can be involved such as
✓ serving as an Altar Boy
✓ singing in the Choir
✓ learning Byzantine Chant
✓ joining 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

All Saints Camp 2024

Thankful poster made by the youth at the November 2023 4F event.
OPA Family Volunteering
November 11, 2023

Annual Youth Winter Retreat
Join us January 12 - 14, 2024 at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott, AZ.
Cost: $175 per person, $25 sibling discount.
Register at assumptionaz.org/winterretreat.
Questions: Niko Paris at youth@assumptionaz.org.

OPA Family Volunteer Opportunity
FMSC offers volunteers a one-of-a-kind experience. You’ll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to our incredible partners working hard to reach the neediest children around the world.
All Saints Camp Fundraiser

ALL SAINTS CAMP ARIZONA PRESENTS
Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser

11am Saturday, February 3, 2024
Holy Trinity Cathedral Poulos Court

Entry
- 16 Teams
- Single Elimination
- First Come, First Serve Sign-ups
- Open Dec. 8 @ 12pm
- $100 per team

Highlights
- Raffle for great prizes!
- BBQ and drinks for sale
- Cornhole and Fun!

Questions? Email Chris Fredericksen at: c.fredericksen@yahoo.com