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HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, PHOENIX, AZ
HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
APRIL 9 - APRIL 16, 2023

PALM SUNDAY – April 9	
Orthros and Divine Liturgy	8:15 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY MONDAY – April 10	
Presanctified Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY – April 11	
Presanctified Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
Service of the Bridegroom	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY – April 12	
Presanctified Liturgy	8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Unction	3:00 p.m.
Service of the Washing of the Feet (with Holy Unction offered)	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY – April 13	
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (The Mystical Supper)	8:00 a.m.
The Service of the Holy Passion (12 Gospels)	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY – April 14	
The Royal Hours	8:00 a.m.
The Descent from the Cross Vespers	3:00 p.m.
The Graveside Lamentations Orthros	6:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY – April 15	
Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	9:00 a.m.
Paschal Vigil for the Holy Resurrection	11:30 p.m.
GREAT & HOLY PASCHA- April 16	
The Agape Vespers	11 a.m.

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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. ltistheorganization's responsibility to inform Heidi and Kristen of any updates to your listing.

Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

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



Stewardship 2023 Theme
Giving Thanks: Eucharist Stewardship

PARISH-WIDE LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT A HUGE SUCCESS!!

A huge **THANKS** to all our Holy Trinity parishioners who volunteered to help us make 200 sack lunches for Andre House. About 70 people showed up to help make sandwiches and assemble sack lunches for the people whom Andre House serves. It took under an hour to put the lunches together which included a sandwich, chips, fruit, granola bar, cookie and a bottle of water.

The feedback we received was universal - "We want to do more events like this." Ask and you shall receive! We will be planning more hands-on service projects in the future. The people of Andre House were thrilled to receive the meals and were extremely grateful for our generosity.

WESHARE & SHELBYNEXT OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

Exciting things are coming your way! We have been working to transition our online Stewardship giving portal from WeShare to ShelbyNext. And that transition is now officially underway and will be complete by the end of April.

WeShare was recently purchased by Shelby and therefore, Shelby is completing the transition on our behalf.

Important note to those who are currently using WeShare: Your online giving will be automatically transitioned from WeShare to ShelbyNext. There is nothing you need to do to transition to ShelbyNext. Once the conversion is complete your account will look different. But your giving amount, timing and account information will all remain the same.

For those who are not signed up for online giving, we ask that once the transition to ShelbyNext is complete, you consider all of the benefits and ease of online giving. Some of the new and exciting things ShelbyNext has to offer:

- Phone App
- Making stewardship payments from your phone
- Making candle or in memory donations from your phone
- Receiving text message updates and information
- Ministry event registration and ticket sales

Please keep an eye out as more information and updates will be coming soon. For any questions regarding this transition to ShelbyNext please contact the church office or email: sandymeris@gmail.com.

Parish Community Project for the Andre House

March 25, 2023



Pascha Picnic!



Please join us after Agape Vespers on Pascha for a community BBQ! We'll be grilling a whole lamb and organizing a potluck lunch. Bring your family and a favorite dish to share!

RSVP by April 10 at https://tinyurl.com/HTCpotluck



Holy Trinity Cathedral 16 April 2023

Agape Vespers: 11 am BBQ/Potluck: 12 pm

Email htcphxevents@gmail.com if you have questions or want to volunteer for the event!

House of Stewards

As of 03/29/2023

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Eleanna Zistatsis

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Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Alex Anagnopoulos, President

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Next Meeting on Thursday,
April 6, 2023
at 6:30 pm
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center



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



PICK UP ALL PRE-ORDERED BAKE SALE ITEMS DOWN IN THE HALL AFTER DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023!



What is Philoptochos?
The translation is
Philo = Friend
and Ptochos = Poor.
It is literally "Friend of the

JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS 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:

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

Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

March Meeting Hostesses were the Philoptochos Board Members:







Coffee in the Conference Room!

EVERY TUESDAY!

9:30-11:00 am No RSVP needed just stop on by!



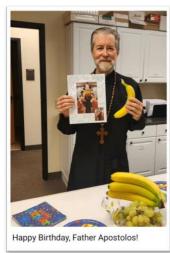






We helped celebrate Father Apostolos' birthday on Tuesday, 03/14/2023!





Pan-Orthodox Vespers Reception

March 5, 2023



Philoptochos hosted 250 guests at our Lenten Reception following Pan-Orthodox Vespers on March 5, 2023. Led by Chair Kristen Vasilarakos, our amazing members drew on decades of hosting experience to smoothly, efficiently, and generously offer our guests a delicious complimentary meal. We extend a special thank you to Eleni & Phillip Panagiotoglou, who led the kitchen crew. Chef Phillip prepared the shrimp, pasta, and soup—and had a hand in prepping numerous other dishes. Special thanks also go to the Celebration Committee—headed by Terri Alexon and the Pardhe family who provided 30 (!) centerpieces and the balloon decorations—and assisted in set-up, serving, and clean-up. Our final big thank you goes to the menfolk, anchored by Todd Schiller, who washed dishes, hauled trash, and stayed until the end, helping to leave the Speros Center spotless.



Pan-Orthodox Vespers Reception

March 5, 2023 Event



Sunday of Orthodoxy

March 5, 2023



Pan-Orthodox Vespers

March 5, 2023



St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Parish-Level

March 26, 2023

Good Speeches, All!



Sunday of the Cross

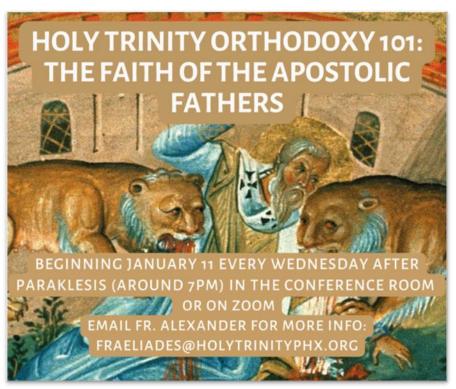
March 12, 2023



Orthodoxy 101

Fr. Alexander holds his Orthodoxy 101
Class every Wednesday after Paraklesis
(around 7pm) in the Conference Room and
on Zoom (here). We will approach the
faith through the lens of the Apostolic
Fathers, the Fathers of the Church who
lived within the first 100 or so years after
Jesus! What did these early Christians
believe? How did they live? Let's find out
together!

We read some writings from the book
"The Apostolic Fathers in English" by
Michael Holmes. This book is not required
as all readings are also available online
through google for free but is helpful.
Another helpful way to frame the class will
be through reading "The Illumined Heart"
by Pres. Frederica Matthews-Green.





Have you checked out the website **lately**?

<u>www.holytrinityphx.org</u>

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Did you know? We had 3,843 site visitors in March and 38,204 site visitors in the last 12 months!

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 \$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.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral ENDOWMENT GIFTS PLATINUM DONORS: \$100,000.00 + GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND: \$1,000.00 + Faye Boukas Dr. Christopher J. DeMoss George and Ann Souvall The Lambrou Family John George Thomas OTHER IN MEMORY GIFTS GOLD DONORS: \$50,000.00 + IMO Stacy Hotis Dr. Nick Baziotes IMO Danny Speros REMEMBER IMO Mark Sprintz SILVER DONORS: \$25,000.00 + IMO Chris Gabriel HOLY TRINITY **DeMoss Families** IMO Fr. James & Katherine Taylarides IMO+ Tasia Pritchard IMO Fr. Anthony & Mary Coniaris IN YOUR WILL **IMO Tom Contes** BRONZE DONORS: \$10,000.00 + IMO Leonard Mastorakos Gabriel & Helen Pappagallos IMO John Sqouros IMO Mary Montague IMO Chris Gabriel John & Mary Katsenes IMO Athena & Dan Choukalas George & Koula Cheros IMO Milton & Harriet Sioles IMO Dina Sakellarakis IMO Koula & Pete Triantafyllou Steve and Joan Vrahas IMO James H. Karros Ange & Alex J. Pappas **IMO Bette Maniatis** James & Connie Contes IMO Dan Lester Hill Dennis & Anastasia DeBerry IMO John G. Zannaras Steve & Judith Vrahas

Desert Diamonds

Senior Parishioners and their guests
Julie Karoutas

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

Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends,

The month of April is a very busy month for All, wishing All a Blessed Pascha, Kali Anastasi!

I would like to tell you of a fantastic event happening at MIM in Phoenix on Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00pm. The famous "Pavlo" and his Band will be performing. "A Night with Pavlo" Tickets are \$49.50 - \$54.50; there will be another performance at 7:00pm, tickets are \$49.50 - \$54.50 I tried to reserve a block of tickets, but they will not do that.

If you wish to go, you MUST call or "on line" purchase & reserve your tickets ASAP. They are selling very fast & will be sold out quickly. Web site is: mim.org tel: 480-478-6000 Address is: 4725 E Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050 Questions? Text or email me.

I am working on a trip to the Monastery in early May. Assumption is trying to get a big bus. I am in close contact with the person in charge. More information to follow.

Yours in Christ,
Julie Karoutas
email: juliekarout

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Coffee Hours

Thank you to **Greek School** for sponsoring Coffee Hours in March.

The April Coffee Hours are sponsored by the Young Adults.

Thank you!





Celebration Committee



During the March Celebration Sunday, we celebrated Fr. Apostolos' birthday and our Greek Dance ministry! The middle school group, Ta Patriotakia, won 3rd place at FDF. We also celebrated all the Greek instructors, students, and parents. In honor of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day, the décor was green, white, and gold. The tables had gold tablecloths with balloon centerpieces. The balloon garland, as usual, was well-received by the children!

The same day, the Celebration Committee collaborated with Philoptochos for the Pan-Orthodox Vespers hosted by Holy Trinity. Over the course of the afternoon, the Committee and Philoptochos ladies re-decorated the hall and thirty tables in purple tablecloths and décor to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Each table had a wooden icon on an easel, a purple floral centerpiece, and smaller table icons. Special thanks to Sunday School/4F for loaning us the wooden icons! Purple and white balloon garlands were hung over the dessert table, on the pillars flanking the stage, and on the stage itself. It was a beautiful evening with over 250 attendees.

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 <u>as a community!</u> You can send an email with suggestions and details to: httph://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please email httph://newents@gmail.com and/or talk to Terri Alexon or Mary Pardhe. We're looking for more volunteers to help out on a monthly basis!

Celebration Committee

March Celebration



Celebration Year-in-Review



Celebration Year-in-Review



Celebration Committee April Birthdays



His Eminence in Phoenix

During the recent visit of **Archbishop Elpidophoros of America** to Phoenix for FDF, he was accompanied by **V. Rev. Archimandrite Chrysostomos Gilbert**, Dean of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York. Father Chrysostomos served as a Choral Judge during FDF, and also enjoyed visiting with his grandparents, **Chris and Rita Bruskas**, and his aunt, **Kristen Bruskas**.



Communal Cooking Event

In March, we held the first Communal Cooking event of 2023. Phill Panagiotoglou oversaw the preparation of delicious Greek-style zucchini and vegetable pasta salad. We thank him and his wife, Eleni, for graciously volunteering their time! The food was served during coffee hour on Celebration Sunday. If you are interested in joining us for future cooking events, please email <a href="http://https





Our Church Family

40 Day Blessings

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



03/01/2023

Constantine, son of Martha & Alexi Tsakiris

God's Blessings be upon him.

04/01/2023

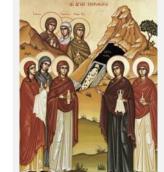
Sophia, daughter of Emily & Oleg Moroz God's Blessings be upon her.

04/01/2023

Anna Marie, daughter of Grigoria Athanasati & Tony Batista God's Blessings be upon her.

Funeral

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



03/11/2023

Theodora Staikos May Her Memory Be Eternal.

Donations

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

Thank you all!





Light a Candle

In this time more than ever we need prayer. For those not able to come to the Cathedral yet, we have set up this ability to light a candle virtually! Please click the link above and follow the instructions. Enter your name and the names of those you wish prayed for in the PayPal "Notes" section, and Father Apostolos or Father Alexander will light a candle and say a prayer for you.





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—

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral— Phoenix, AZ



Can You Help in Beautifying our Church?

Throughout the year we decorate our Icons; major feast days of Christ, The Mother of God, Great Lent, and Holy Week (including the Kouvouklion/Epitaphio).

If you're interested in participating to help beautify our church for Great Lent, please contact:

Diakonissa Mary at thrashermary@cox.net

Kouvouklion Decorating (Epitaphios) - A group of volunteers is needed to decorate the Kouvouklion on April 14th, Good Friday morning, at 7:00 am.



Please meet in the Narthex of the Cathedral. Please contact Diakonissa Mary at 602-679-4041 or thrashermary@cox.net for details. Thank you!

Pascha Events

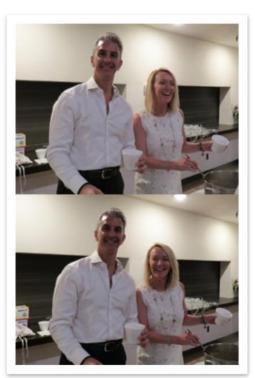
Please plan to join us after the **Midnight Anastasi service for a free Mageritsa Meal** to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as a Church family.

Also please let Fr. Alexander know **if you are able to read the Gospel in a foreign language** to be read at the Agape Vespers at 11am that Sunday morning.

Following Agape Vespers we will be holding a **Pascha BBQ** open to all who desire to attend! If you'd like to bring something, please contact Daniel Pardhe.



This photo was taken in 2022 at 3:00 AM!



Parish Assembly & Holy Trinity Cathedral Refresh Discussion

March 26, 2023

Dear Holy Trinity Cathedral Stewards,

Our Cathedral community is lucky in many ways. Even though our campus is 50 years old, our buildings are generally in good shape. However, year in year out we have consistently small and large maintenance needs that we manage.

We have come to a point where we now have larger maintenance needs.

After 50 Years in our Cathedral all throughout the Narthex, Nave, Solea, and Altar we see carpeting and tiles that have been burned, chipped, and patched in various places or just wearing out.

Pew cushions have lost their cushion and are worn. Pew wood portions have lost their varnish, even some are scarred or have split.

Our white walls are now grey as over the years our smoke born prayers have grown and risen up inside while walls are sun dried outside.

Water stains over the years have crept onto our ceilings and walls from past roof leaks. Our Cathedral roof has been repaired but stains remain.

Bathrooms need constant maintenance and servicing. There are concerns that a bathroom water leak could create interior water flooding.

















After 40 years our Chapel has lost electrical power because the underground electrical line from Cathedral basement to Chapel has broken and shorts out the Chapel's inside lights.

A Refresh of our Cathedral facilities is needed.

You have heard these needs in Parish Assembly meetings in recent years. So let's go into details about thoughtful steps we should undertake. Metropolitan Gerasimos' Metropolis Arts and Architecture Committee reviews and approves changes inside church facilities. We need to create a To Do List and a plan of our needs and wishes to present to them.

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Holy Trinity's Parish Council and you, in Parish Assemblies have been thorough and thoughtful these last several years as we discussed and moved forward with necessary major improvements and repairs.

We have set up review committee of Stewards who are engineers and facility experts in our community. Together, cost estimate/bids were developed, discussed, and recommendations were sent to the Parish Council. Reviewed and refined by the Parish Council, recommendations were sent to you in Parish Assembly meetings. These steps have created cost effective projects completed with quality.

You approved and we did major improvements in our Courtyard. Carefully we created and designed ways to fix the raised/damaged concrete, and to improve the look, feel, and use of our Courtyard. Last month, we completed this phase at a cost of about 30% less than the Parish Assembly approved





Our Parking lot after many years was cracked and deteriorating. With leadership from our community experts, the Zannis Family, Parish Council, and Parish Assembly, the Parking Lot has been renewed.

We have been researching costs and options to bring forward to the Parish Council followed by the **Parish Assembly on March 26** to replace, upgrade, or restore pews, carpeting, wall painting inside & out, and bathrooms. We currently average over 200 attendees each Sunday (we had 457 worshiping with the Archbishop a couple of weeks ago). Our Narthex gets crowded and noisy as we greet each other. We have thoughts how to improve entering our services, too.

Yes, it's true, these needs taken together suggest a substantial cost. However, we have been blessed these past few years. Several parishioners and visitors have provided and/or committed to substantial donations. Secondly, you have heard us mention several estates have left funds to the Cathedral for needs such as these.

So our first step, together on March 26 at the Parish Assembly, we must discuss and complete our To Do List as a community. Secondly, we then review To Do List with Metropolis staff. Third, we come back together to Parish Assembly and Council to firm up our To Do List and costs. Fourth, compare the To Do List funds already accumulated and determine if any additional funds are needed. Then we, in a Parish Assembly, agree on the cost. Only then we begin.

Please come on Sunday, March 26 to the Parish Assembly during coffee hour for this second in a "Life Time Discussion."

Regards, Paul Katsenes Parish Council President

St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

Submitted by Rita Papaspyrou stnectariosphx@gmail.com

Commemoration of The Great and Holy Feast of Pascha



Holy Week comes to an end at sunset of Great and Holy Saturday, as the Church prepares to celebrate her most ancient and preeminent festival, Pascha, the feast of feasts. The time of preparation will give way to a time of

fulfillment. The glorious and resplendent light emanating from the empty Tomb will dispel the darkness. Christ, risen from the dead, cracks the fortress of death and takes "captivity captive" (Psalm 67:19). All the limitations of our createdness are torn asunder. Death is swallowed up in victory and life is liberated. "For as by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:21-22). Pascha is the dawn of the new and unending day. The Resurrection constitutes the most radical and decisive deliverance of humankind.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental truth and absolute fact of the Christian faith. It is the central experience and essential kerygma of the Church. It confirms the authenticity of Christ's remarkable earthly life and

vindicates the truth of His teaching. It seals all His redemptive work: His life, the model of a holy life; His compelling and unique teaching; His extraordinary works; and His awesome, life-creating death. Christ's Resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation. Together with His Ascension it brings to perfection God's union with us for all eternity.

The Resurrection made possible the miracle of the Church, which in every age and generation proclaims and affirms "God's plan for the universe, the ultimate divinization of man and the created order." The profound experience of and the unshakable belief in the risen Lord enabled the Apostles to evangelize the world and empowered the Church to overcome paganism. The Resurrection discloses the indestructible power and inscrutable wisdom of God. It disposes of the illusory myths and belief systems by which people, bereft of divine knowledge, strain to affirm the meaning and purpose of their existence. Christ, risen and glorified, releases humanity from the delusions of idolatry. In Him, grave-bound humanity discovers and is filled with incomparable hope. The Resurrection bestows illumination, energizes souls, brings forgiveness, transfigures lives, creates Saints, and gives joy.

The Resurrection has not yet abolished the reality of death. But it has revealed its powerlessness (Hebrews 2:14-15). We continue to die as a result of the Fall. Our bodies decay and fall away. "God allows death to exist but turns it against corruption and its cause, sin, and sets a boundary both to corruption and sin." Thus, physical death does not destroy our life of communion with God. Rather, we move from death to life - from this fallen world to God's reign.

Icon of the Commemoration of Great and Holy Pascha

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

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

Alex Sampson Memorial

ALEXANDRA SAMPSON MEMORIAL YOUTH PROJECT DEDICATION CEREMONY

Thank you for joining us Sunday, April 2nd following Liturgy for the dedication ceremony to bless this space for our youth.

Phase 1 includes a fire and conversation pit and picnic tables.

A huge thanks to all who have donated the funds and given so generously in memory of Alex.





Maintenance Corner

By Ted Fourlis https://htmaintenance1973@gmail.com

Many great things are being taken care of by your Maintenance Committee. Here are some highlights of the work performed over the last few months: Paul & Dimitri Valonis have created a lighting report for the office and educational bldg, installed new kitchen faucets, installed new cleaning product dispensers in the community center, office and cathedral, prepared a property backflow report for the office (city requirement), various toilet and sink issues resolved/repaired, fixed curtains in small hall, installed new LED lights for the disco ball. Peter Bilitsis assisted with reviewing options to re-establish electrical power to our chapel, rewired lighting behind the altar and installed new LED lighting. Niko Panagiotakopoulos is the project manager on the Alex Sampson Memorial, and construction is well underway. Ted Fourlis has assisted with product procurement of the blocks, pavers, bbq and picnic tables. Ted Fourlis, Scott Vaughn and John Annos assisted with receiving of products and assembly of the new picnic tables and bbg for the memorial. Our new office manager Heidi Bass, Yvonne Vranes our office administrator, Paul Katsenes, and the Valonis brothers have developed a new Actions Items running list of maintenance items for attention. The Maintenance Committee will be working to assist with all the needs of the action items. If you have any tools, equipment, or supplies you no longer need we would love to add them to our cache to assist us with our work. Currently we could use gift cards to Dunn Edwards Paint store as we prepare to refresh the paint around the patio in preparation for our 2023 Greek Festival. Please reach out to Ted Fourlis (<a href="https://ht Peter Bilitsis (pkbilitsis@gmail.com)/602-317-7780 for any maintenance issues, tools/ equipment donations, or if you would like to volunteer with the committee.

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."

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

All services can now be found on the

Home Page of the
Cathedral's website

www.holytrinityphx.org,
in addition to the continued postings on
our Facebook page.

Thank you to Tom Giatron and Joshua Pardhe for their aboveand-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!

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Our Next Chapter Meeting

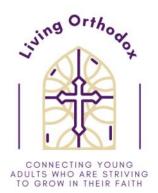
Thursday, April 20 at 6 PM

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Community Center 1973 E Maryland Ave Phoenix, AZ 85016

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?
CONTACT STEVE LEMERE
602-882-9990

Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry

Living Orthodox is a national, pan-Orthodox ministry that is building a community of young adults (18-35) who are striving to grow in and connect with their faith! The focus of this ministry is to highlight ways that we, as young adults, personally grow in our Orthodox faith (ex. attending services, reading books, listening to podcasts, watching spiritual videos, etc.) and to share ideas on how to increase our



commitment to live an Orthodox life. Join us on for virtual meetings every other week and inperson for our monthly potluck discussions!

February Potluck and Discussion

In February, we gathered at Holy Trinity to attend Forgiveness Vespers as a group before enjoying a potluck and ice cream social. Fr. Alexander led a Lenten Q&A session that covered the topics of fasting, attending church services, and how to prepare for the Lenten season. Due to the informal nature of the session, the discussion wasn't recorded.

To view previous speaker presentations, please visit our YouTube channel at https://tinyurl.com/LOvideosYT. 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.





Myrrhbearer Practice





All Saints Camp 2023



SUMMER CAMP IS BACK!

All youth entering 3rd grade to recent 12th Grade graduates are welcome to join. Camp will be at UCYC in Prescott, AZ from May 30-June 3

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

For more information visit our website at allsaintscapmarizona.org Questions, please contact us at info@assumptionaz.org

OPA—Orthodox Parents Association

Caroline Economopoulos, President



Little Lambs

Debra Harrison

Parents who can donate filled eggs, please let Debra know at

14dharrison@gmail.com



Holy Week 4F Retreat



Holy Week 4F Retreat

April's 4F Saturday

will combine with our traditional

Pancake Breakfast and Palm Sunday Cross folding after Liturgy for Saturday of Lazarus on April 8th.

Come for Liturgy at 9;00 am.

Stay for breakfast and fold palm crosses.

The youth will stay until around 12:30 pm

to learn more about Holy Week.

RSVP HERE

Project Mexico

Holy Trinity Project Mexico

For all high school youth and young adults, this July 20-26, Holy Trinity will be going to St. Innocent Orphanage to participate in Project Mexico Homebuilding! These spots are going to go quickly, so sign up now. To reserve your spot for for more information, simply email Fr. Alexander. To learn more about Project Mexico's homebuilding ministry, visit www.projectmexico.org/homebuilding

