

# Desert Springs

## HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, PHOENIX, AZ SERVICES OF GREAT & HOLY LENT 2025: MARCH 2 – APRIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 2-----5PM - FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 3-----CLEAN MONDAY - 6PM GREAT COMPLINE WITH CANON OF ST. ANDREW  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4-----6PM - GREAT COMPLINE WITH CANON OF ST. ANDREW  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5-----5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY \*POTLUCK TO FOLLOW  
FRIDAY, MARCH 7-----8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 7-----6PM - 1ST SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS AND ANOINTING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8-----8/9AM - MIRACLE OF KOLYVA ORTHROS AND DIVINE LITURGY  
MONDAY, MARCH 10-----6PM - GREAT COMPLINE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12-----5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY \*  
FRIDAY, MARCH 14-----8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 14-----6PM - 2ND SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS  
MONDAY, MARCH 17-----6PM - GREAT COMPLINE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19-----5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY \*  
FRIDAY, MARCH 21-----8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 21-----6PM - 3RD SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS  
SATURDAY, MARCH 22-----9AM-3PM - LENTEN 4F RETREAT FOR GRADES 1-12  
MONDAY, MARCH 24-----6PM - GREAT VESPERS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25-----8/9AM - ORTHROS/DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE ANNUNCIATION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26-----5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY \*  
FRIDAY, MARCH 28-----8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 28-----6PM - GREAT VESPERS WITH THE 4<sup>TH</sup> STANZA OF THE SALUTATIONS  
MONDAY, MARCH 31-----6PM - GREAT COMPLINE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12-----5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY \*  
FRIDAY, APRIL 4-----8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 4-----6PM - THE AKATHIST HYMN  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6-----6PM - PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS HOSTED BY HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
MONDAY, APRIL 7-----6PM - GREAT COMPLINE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9-----5:30PM - 9TH HOUR AND PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY \*  
FRIDAY, APRIL 11-----8AM - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12-----8/9AM - SATURDAY OF LAZARUS - ORTHROS AND DIVINE LITURGY  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12-----HOLY WEEK 4F RETREAT FOLLOWING PALM CROSS FOLDING UNTIL 1PM  
APRIL 13 - APRIL 20-----PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND PASCHA (SEPARATE SCHEDULE)  
\*ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS OF GREAT LENT FOLLOWING PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY, WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK LENTEN MEAL AND REFRESHMENTS, ALONG WITH A BRIEF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION. BRING YOUR FAVORITE LENTEN DISH AND JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING!

ΚΑΛΗ ΔΥΝΑΜΗ! GOOD STRENGTH AND A BLESSED FAST TO ALL! HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW

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# Message from Father Alexander

## Let Us Cleanse Ourselves!



This line or ones like it are often repeated throughout the upcoming time of Lent in the services of the Church. Our reaction to it should be for us a bit of a test. Am I offended by it? Do I feel ashamed? Do I ignore it (the easiest but worst option!)? Or does it excite me? Is the possibility of renewal, of cleansing of my mind, heart, soul, and even body something that I desire?

I hope it is! When I was a child I absolutely dreaded cleaning my room, yes I had made the mess and it was crazy but it was just fine! And that was a lot of work. But then I grew up and realized, yes it is a bit of work but the pay off is great, a clean room or house is a peaceful one. We must "grow up" in a way as Paul says and put "away childish things" and realize this Lenten period is a period of work, but one that grants a large pay off. I can be clean, renewed, and at peace and have the Resurrected Christ shining from my heart, no small thing!

But again there is the work portion that we perhaps balk at, I need to change things and perhaps make hard decisions on what to move on from and choose the clean over the mess, the godly over the worldly and this can be hard! But it grants immense freedom and peace and power from on high.

So I challenge each of you to examine this line, the prayer of the Publican even **"Have mercy on me O Lord."** Do I think I need it? Do I loathe to say it? Or do I find peace in it? This time of Lent can be a time of peace, perhaps not in our life and world around us but certainly in our heart. This can only come by responding to this entreaty of the Church to cleanse ourselves with the determined work of an adult with a day off and a messy house. "I can do it and it will be worth it." And we will find ourselves on Pascha with an even greater satisfaction and peace than we can imagine. So let us cleanse ourselves with all the cleaning tools the Church offers: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, the services, confession, reading of Scripture, and let us see how shiny the Lord makes us.



# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris

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



## JANUARY GOALS... SO HOW DID WE DO?

In December we set a Stewardship 2025 goal to have 100% of our parishioners complete their 2025 Pledge Card and make a contribution toward that pledge by January 31st. So, how did we do?

As of January 31st, we had **248 families or 70%** complete their pledge cards and 23% of those Stewards made a contribution toward their pledge. The good news is, over the years these statistics have continued to increase. We thank everyone who helped us reach this goal.

In addition, we are grateful to every single Steward for your generous giving in 2024. We had a wonderful year and we look forward to continuing our upward trend of growth.

## 2024 YEAR-END STEWARDSHIP TOTALS

Number of Pledged Stewards:	353
Total Amount Pledged:	\$549,753
Pledged Goal 2024 Parish Budget:	\$550,000
Total Amount Contributed to Pledge:	\$510,753
Total Percent Contributed to Pledge:	93%
Total Number of NEW Stewards:	36
Number of On-Line Giving (ShelbyNext):	95
Levels of Annual Giving:	
\$20 - \$100.....	34
\$101- \$500.....	100
\$501 - \$1000.....	67
\$1001 - \$5000.....	115
\$5001 - \$8000.....	14
\$8001 - \$10,000.....	3
\$10,001 - \$20,000.....	3
\$20,000 – plus.....	1
Pledged but (o) Contribution.....	16
Amount of Overpaid Pledged.....	\$33,181



# Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers

## LENTEN VESPERS

SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

MARCH 9 | ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,  
SCOTTSDALE, 6 PM

MARCH 16 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMANIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH, GLENDALE, 6 PM

MARCH 23 | ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,  
PHOENIX, 6 PM

MARCH 30 | ST. IGNATIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX  
CHURCH, MESA, 6 PM

APRIL 6 | HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL,  
PHOENIX, 6 PM

## Project Mexico Homebuilding Trip



For **all high school youth and young adults**, this **June 24-30**, 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 or for more information, simply email [Fr. Alexander](#). To learn more about Project Mexico's homebuilding

ministry, [click here](#) and check them out online.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL FATHER ASAP.**

To make this homebuilding mission a reality, we also need to raise a great deal of funding to provide not only for our transportation and food costs, but also to afford the required building materials.

To donate to this trip and make it possible, click [here](#).

God bless you!

## Procession



# House of Stewards

As of 02/27/2025

Zachary & Adriana Aase  
 Terri Alexion  
 Andrew & Maria Allman  
 Calli Allman  
 Dina Anagnopoulos  
 Noah Andersen  
 Nikki Anest  
 John & Sandy Annos  
 Elaine Apostle  
 Argyro Apostolou  
 Christina Bakavelou & Chris Perry  
 Constantine & Eleni Balanis  
 Scott & Crisanne Bansner  
 Christopher Bass  
 Dean Bass & Liz Beckman  
 Sam & Heidi Bass  
 Joyce Baulinka  
 Scott & Stacey Beaty  
 George & Stacy Benetos  
 Stamatios Benetos  
 Dan & Vicki Bichekas  
 Peter & Jennifer Bilitsis  
 Helen A Bixenman  
 James & Helen Bruno  
 Alexander Brusalis  
 Georgia Brusalis  
 Chris & Rita Bruskas  
 Kristen Bruskas  
 Kathrene Carras  
 Frank Carris  
 Chad & Amanda Carver  
 Harriet Chotras  
 Jim Chotras  
 Pete & Kim Choukalas  
 Jarmeen Constantine  
 Andy & Mara Contes  
 Jamie Contes  
 Jim & Connie Contes  
 Alexandria Contoraudis  
 Max Cups  
 Zane Cups  
 Ethan & Talia Curtis  
 Nick & Sharon Daniolos  
 Stefanos & Tiffany Daniolos  
 Patty Davis  
 Hercules Dellas  
 Patrick & Karla Delord  
 Tom & Irene Demas  
 Anthony & Patricia Demopoulos  
 Dr. Bill C DeMoss  
 Charles DeMoss  
 Chris DeMoss  
 John & Marjorie DeMoss  
 Jimmy Drakos  
 Stanley & Fran Drozd  
 Anthony Dunn  
 Caroline Economopoulos  
 Christo & Dena Economopoulos  
 Peter & Virginia Economopoulos  
 James & Lisa Elam  
 Fr. Alexander & Presv. Laura Eliades  
 Peter & Marie Eliades



Emil & Anna Ellis  
 Aristotelis & Dianne Euripidou  
 Mary Floor  
 Tim & Karla Floor  
 Anna Furlis  
 Athanase & Georgia Furlis  
 Athanasia Furlis  
 Ted & Andi Furlis  
 Tim & Antonette Fraenkel  
 Chris & Celeste Francis  
 Georgana Friehe  
 George & Julie Froumis  
 Thomas George  
 Polly Ginakes  
 Eva Goodman  
 Bill & Lynn Graham  
 Gina Graham  
 Gail Grevas  
 David Haag  
 Mary Haidos  
 Donald Hall  
 Ryan Halvorsen  
 Alex Harding  
 Terry Harper  
 Mary & Roger Harris  
 Alexia Haugen  
 Diane Herman  
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 Daniel Hill  
 Gregory Hill  
 Bessie Hotis  
 Jeffrey & Melina Johannesmeyer  
 James & Linda Kaliuas  
 Peter & Nicole Kamboukos  
 Jean Kantaros & William King  
 Basilis & Roula Kaneris  
 Marianna Kaneris  
 Nick & Dena Kantaros  
 Voule & Cathy Kapetanakis  
 Vasilios & Vasiliki Karagiannis  
 Chrisovalantou Karakozis  
 Maggie & Markos Karakozis  
 Tina Karalekas  
 Mia Karandreas

Julie Karoutas  
 George & Niki Katsaros  
 Lori Katsenes  
 Mary Katsenes  
 Thomas J Katsenes  
 Thomas M Katsenes  
 Jim & Poppy Kavouris  
 Fany Kechajias  
 Nikolaos Kentimenos & Panagiota Kladou  
 Ronald & Virginia Kidd  
 Anastasia Kompos  
 Maria Kompos  
 Spiros & Maria Kontakis  
 Arthur & Carol Kostaras  
 Katherine Mihailidis Koster  
 Kostadinos & Anatoli Kostouros  
 Dean & Angela Koumontzis  
 Johnny & Elizabeth Kratsas  
 Tammy Kretsedemas  
 Greg & Deborah Caras Kunkel  
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 Gregory Lizanich  
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 Maria Maciejewski  
 Marika Makridis  
 Margarita Makris  
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 Else Paletsos  
 Elizabeth Palmer  
 Alexi & Alexia Panagiotakopoulos  
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 Chrysoula Papadopoulos  
 Socrates & Stephanie Papadopoulos  
 Ria Papageorgiou



## House of Stewards continued from page 6

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Nick Papas  
Spyros & Rita Papaspyrou  
Ari Pappas  
Andrew & Emily Pappas  
Fannie Pappas  
John & Andrea Pappas  
Daniel & Anna Pardhe  
John & Dina Pesognelli  
Angelo Pestriuas  
Fotini Pestriuas  
Zoe Pestriuas  
Peter & Gayle Petkas  
Chris Petroulakis  
Bill & Kathy Petsas  
Michael & TeAnn Philipps  
Brian & Athena Pickett  
Mary Poulakidas  
Tracy Poulos  
Pete & Anthipe Pries  
Christine & Terry Pritchard  
David & Nicole Pyle  
Bertha Quinn  
Lydia Rabbitt  
Alexi & Sara Rentzis  
Menelaos Rentzis  
Voula Rentzis  
George Rouman  
Robert & Maria Rush  
Stellios & Nicole Samaradellis  
Les & Christine Sarantinos  
Paul Sarantes

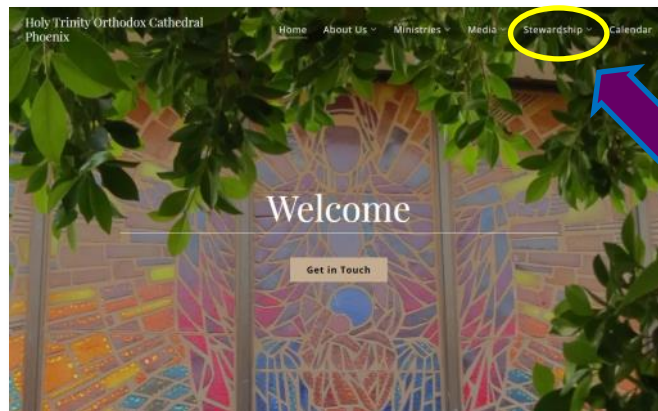
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John Siavelis  
Robert & Donna Sioles  
Robert Stamm & Elyse C Sioles  
George & Evi Skintzis  
Elias & Phyllis Skoubis  
David & Alisha Solheim  
Constantin Solomon  
Angelo & Marie Spanos  
Leo & Rachel Speliopoulos  
Jim & Kathryn Stamadianos  
Nitsa Stamataletos  
Andrew & Christine Stamatis  
Jonathan & Kris Stamatis  
Jimmy & Lisa Sterio  
Robert Stuart  
Despina Taularides  
William & Rebecca Taularides  
Nick & Effie Theodore  
Jim G Thomas  
Deac. John & Diak. Mary Thrasher  
Andrew Touvanas  
Dominic Tropea  
Nathaniel G Tropea  
Thaddeus & Katherine Tropea  
Stacy & Gerri Tsantilas  
Stella Tsantilas

Dean & Breenda Tseunis  
Matthew & Eva Turgeon  
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Theodore & Georgia Tzeremas  
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George & Katherine Zannis  
Jerry & Amanda Zannis  
Zella Zannis  
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and then click on  
**Stewardship.**

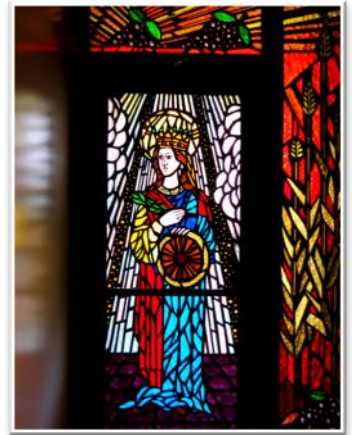


## 2025 PLEDGED FAMILIES

We offer you our thanks for your dedication to our parish and your participation in Christ's work of salvation. If you have not filled out a Pledge Card for 2024, please pick one up in the Church Narthex or **visit [holytrinityphx.org](http://holytrinityphx.org)**. If you have filled out a 2024 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.

# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Kristen Vasilarakos, President



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



Next Meeting on Sunday,  
March 9, 2025 at 11:30 am  
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center



## Check in on a Parishioner—Circle of Angels

Do you have a family member or friend who has not been able to come to church lately? Please let us know! Call or Text Julie at 850-225-4978.



## Online Auction to Benefit Kids'n' Cancer

### Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family

#### KIDS 'N' CANCER CAMP AGAPE ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Arizona Philoptochos Chapters are reaching out to the community to support the Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Online Auction. Besides bidding on auction items, you can provide monetary donations/sponsorships.

**ANY AMOUNT WILL  
HELP MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN  
THE LIFE OF A CHILD.**

Please visit the  
auction site to donate ➡



Arizona Camp Agape

**32auctions.com/CampAgape2025**  
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For more information or to donate an item for the auction call Kathy Connell at 602-524-1959 or Sam Kladis at 480-570-2539

**Kids'n' Cancer  
Camp Agape**



Kids'n' Cancer is a non-profit community outreach program of The SFO Ladies Philoptochos Society. Tax ID #364585276



# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

## NEW Men's Socks

We are working alongside FOCUS to put together clothing bags for the homeless and we need athletic or casual socks. **On Sunday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 9**, there will be a basket in the Narthex to collect the socks.

Philoptochos is continuing to collect **coins for water!** Look for the water jug in the Narthex.

Thank you for your continued support for Philoptochos' causes!  
You are appreciated!



## COIN DRIVE!

Your coins will help  
Philoptochos  
provide water and supplies  
to local charities!



Thank you!

## Scholarships

### 2025 Philoptochos Scholarship Applications

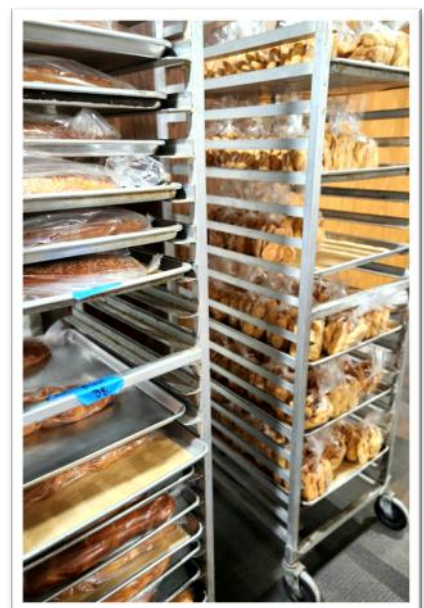
As the right hand of the Church, Philoptochos is very appreciative to our parishioners for the support and donations they receive throughout the year, allowing them to give back to our HTC students by offering scholarships. Philoptochos not only provides scholarships, but they contribute to local, Metropolis, and national charities throughout the year. Applications are due **March 15**.



## Pascha Bake Sale

April 6, 2025

Pre-Order forms coming soon!  
Pick up on April 6 in the  
Speros Community Center





# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos





# St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival



Our Oratorical Festival is tentatively scheduled for **March 23**. All participants will receive **\$50**, and those who move onto the District Level will receive **\$100** for their efforts. This program allows our youth to learn more about their faith and express it in their own words while giving them confidence in public speaking. You will be coached by Chris Francis, Dan Valenzuela, Nick Petsas, and Fr. Alexander. If your child is interested (Grades 7-12), email Fr. Alexander for more info & topics the speakers can choose from.

## Diamondbacks Greek Heritage Celebration Pre-Sale Offer!

OPA! The Arizona Diamondbacks are excited to invite fans to our Annual Greek Heritage Celebration at Chase Field on Saturday, September 6



against the Boston Red Sox. Purchase your tickets at: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Greekheritage7441>!

This Special Event ticket package includes a ticket to the September 6 game vs. the Boston Red Sox (first pitch at 6:40PM) and a Greek inspired D-Backs jersey (limited sizing available, first come first serve). All sales are final, no exchanges, returns, or refunds. Tickets based on availability. This offer can't be combined with other offers.

For groups of 10+ or for any questions, please contact Tatum Barstad at [tbarstad@dbacks.com](mailto:tbarstad@dbacks.com) or 602.462.4287.



OYM INTERGENERATIONAL  
RETREAT

JOIN US IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Orthodox faithful of all ages are invited for a one-day retreat focused on deepening our relationships with Christ and with one another.

ASSUMPTION  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
8202 East Cactus Rd. | Scottsdale, AZ 85260

SCAN TO  
REGISTER



## Coffee Hour Cold Brew



*Every Sunday in the Hall!*

## Wednesday Evening Potlucks

Join us every Wednesday of Lent at 5:30pm for Presanctified Liturgy followed immediately by a potluck in the Small Hall! Bring your Lenten dish before Presanctified and drop it off in the Small Hall, attend Liturgy, then join everyone for a Potluck and small spiritual reflection.



## Sunday of Orthodoxy— Bring your Icons!

March 9, 2025

Next Sunday,  
**March 9** is  
**Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
and our children will  
process around the  
church with their icons.

Please have them bring  
an icon to church on  
Sunday!



FOCUS  
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+ PHOENIX +

9am - 1pm

**The First Saturday of the Month:**

- Clothing
- Hot Meals
- Pet Food
- Free Haircuts
- Free HIV & Hep C Testing

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
1973 East Maryland Ave, Phoenix AZ



Scan for more info!



## Church Website



Have you checked out the website **lately?**  
[www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org)

Events • Services • Photos •  
Calendar • Stewardship

**45,579 visitors in 2024!**



# Maintenance Corner

Submitted by Ted Furlis  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Maintenance Committee  
602-625-8835  
[htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com](mailto:htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com)



- ☑ The maintenance committee has been very busy the last few months!
- ☑ We are happy to announce that after two years of research, the short causing the loss of power to the chapel has been found. We worked diligently with our electricians to repair the issue. New electrical lines and panels are in process and the chapel should be back up and running with safe power very soon.
- ☑ We are in the process of repairing the parking curbs around the parking lot. Much damage has been caused by vehicles hitting our curbs. We are working on a redesign of the curbing to inhibit more damage to them.
- ☑ The Community Center bathroom septic lines have been jetted as they were backing up due to people flushing hand paper towels down the toilets. We are currently researching options to install electric hand dryers to elevate the backup issues. *Please do not flush hand paper towels down our toilets.*
- ☑ Two new air conditioners were installed in the Community Center so we should see much improvement in our cooling/heating and electrical bill.
- ☑ Seven new smart/wifi thermostats have been installed in the Community Center, Chapel, and Cathedral to assist with temperature management and electrical savings.
- ☑ A new Maytag washing machine was donated and installed in the Community Center to assist with washing needs.
- ☑ A new Halon extinguishing system was installed in the Community Center kitchen for safety and fire extinguishment. Our prior system was outdated and not operable.

We have many projects in the works!

Many thanks to Peter Bilitsis, Paul & Dimitri Valonis, Heidi Bass, Ted Furlis, and Yvonne Vranes for their continued support and efforts to enhance our maintenance needs in our community.

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance committee please email Ted Furlis at [htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com](mailto:htcmaintenance1973@gmail.com).

# 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 to celebrate!

In February, we celebrated Alana Stoutenburg's baby shower along with all February birthdays! The hall was decorated with a Valentine's Day theme of red, pink, gold, and white with pink and red tablecloths, roses in assorted ceramic vases, a balloon garland, and tiny heart table scatter.

The Celebration Committee was in charge of hosting coffee hour in February and, with Mr. Phill's excellent cooking, provided a meal each Sunday. We also welcomed several new members who signed up for the committee during coffee hour. If you want to support the ministry, either through funding or time, please let us know! For donations, please visit <https://bit.ly/HTphxCC> or put "Celebration Committee" on the memo line of checks made out to the Cathedral. To volunteer, email [htcphxevents@gmail.com](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com) and/or talk to Terri Alexon or Mary Pardhe!



## Communal Cooking Event

For Celebration Sunday in February, the Communal Cooking crew led by Phillip Panagiotoglou served roasted chicken, Greek style potatoes, pasta salad, Greek salad, and cake. If you are interested in helping out or joining us for future cooking events, please email [htcphxevents@gmail.com](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com).

In addition, please feel free to bring a dish to share with the community on the first Sunday of every month!



# February Celebration Sunday





# Celebration Committee

## March Birthdays

# Happy Birthday!

John Antoniadis  
Stratis Baker  
Seraphina Bates  
Heidi Bracamonte  
Ani Bracamonte  
Henry Carver  
Patricia Christie  
Jamie Contes  
Mara Contes  
Stacia Counelis  
Max Cups  
Sharon Daniolos  
Stefanos Daniolos  
Basil Davis  
Ellen Deligiannis  
Basil Denaxas  
Mary Denooyer  
Mary Fisher  
Antonette Fraenkel  
Catherine Frye  
Thaddeus Frye  
Christina Gardner  
Kristen Ginakes  
Mary Haidos  
Rev. Fr. Apostolos Hill  
Rebekah Paula Ihn  
Gabriel Isfanut  
Melina Johannesmeyer  
William Kapolas  
Nikolaos Kentimenos  
Virginia Kidd  
Arthur Kostaras  
Anastasia Kratsas  
Ariana Kretsedemas  
James Kruljac  
Anastasia Lambrou  
Bruce Lamond  
Georgia Lipane  
Chris Lopez  
Gabriel Lopez  
Maria Lourias  
Harris Manelis  
Katerina Matheos  
Pamela Maydanis

Will Meris  
Katie Meris  
Christian Meris  
Noah Merk  
Constance Miologos  
Alexandra Nolen  
Jennifer Orlando  
James Oxley  
Melissa Panagiotakopoulos  
Dean Papadopoulos  
Susie Papadopoulos  
Eleni Papadopoulos  
Katerina Papamatheakis  
Mike Papamatheakis  
Stacy Papatzimas  
Chris Perry  
Dina Pesognelli  
Christina Petsas  
Demetrios Pickett  
Kay Poulos  
Paul Prato  
Anna Pries  
Hazel Rentzis  
Robert Rush  
Milissa Sackos  
Nicole Samaradellis  
Stacey Sampson  
Peter Schneider  
George Scopelianos  
George Sebastian  
Chris Seretis  
Elias Skoubis  
Sophie Solheim  
Christopher Sonier  
William Spell  
Genevieve Speros  
Jonathan Stamatis  
Thad Tropea  
Nathaniel Tropea  
Mary Ann Tsakiris  
Michael Vaughn  
Zachary Venetis  
Paula Walsh  
Adam Wilson  
Isaac Wilson  
Richard Wood  
Litsa Zikos

## March



# Our Church Family

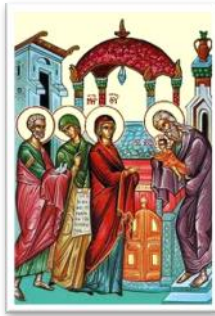
## 40 Day Blessings

"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

02/23/2025

Benjamin Sullivan, son of Kiyana Graham & Matthew Sullivan

*God's Blessings be upon him.*



## Baptisms

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Galatians 3:27



02/01/2025

Beckham, son of Adriana & Zachary Aase

Sponsor: Miranda Konstantinides

*God's Blessings be upon him.*

02/01/2025

Jovi, daughter of Jaclyn & Matthew Walsh

Sponsor: Andrea Strategos

*God's Blessings be upon her.*

02/22/2025

Adeline, daughter of Eva & Matthew Turgeon

Sponsors: Mara & Andy Contes

*God's Blessings be upon her.*

02/22/2025

Eva Turgeon

Sponsors: Scott & Jill Leach

*God's Blessings be upon her.*



## Chrismation

02/22/2025

Matthew Turgeon

Sponsors: Scott & Jill Leach

*God's Blessings be upon him.*



## Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

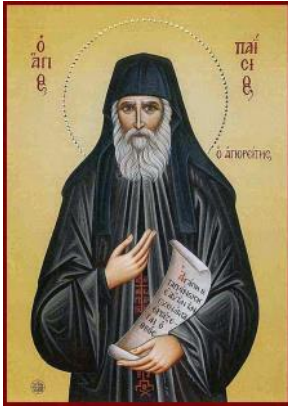
The February Coffee Socials were sponsored by **Celebration Committee**.

The March Coffee Socials are sponsored by **Greek School**.



**THANK YOU!**

## Spring Catechism Class



We will be going through Saint Paisios' book  
*On Prayer*.

## Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount

Please join Fr. Apostolos for a new semester of Bible Study focusing on the Sermon on the Mount from St. Matthew's Gospel. The Study begins at **5:00 PM Sunday afternoons**, available only via Zoom. Please [email Fr. Apostolos](#) for login information.



## Educator's Group at Holy Trinity

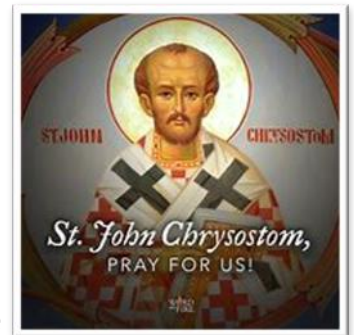
It's the end of the fall semester and for all of our current or retired teachers, and administrators, you know what that feels like!

How were finals and posting grades? Stressful? How did you feel about the first semester? What do you look forward to in the second semester?

Let's take some time to share and learn from each other.

Remember, this is for all public, private, and charter school educators. We are all one! **This invitation is also extended to our future educators. Join us.**

If you have any questions please email Chris Francis at [battersbox7@yahoo.com](mailto:battersbox7@yahoo.com), or call 623-523-3013.





# Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

The Campus Missionary from our OCF ministry is in need of new housing near the ASU Tempe Campus. If you have or know of suitable digs, please contact Aleksander at [alucic@ocf.net](mailto:alucic@ocf.net) or at 708-921-5881.



## The Arizona Hellenic Foundation

has a scholarship program which was established to promote, encourage, induce, and advance education at the college and university level for students of Hellenic descent with at least one parent or guardian residing in Central Arizona. For eligibility requirements and applications, please visit the Foundation's website [www.Azhellenic.org](http://www.Azhellenic.org). Applications are due on **April 1, 2025**.

## 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!



## Greek School

Irene Dartoozos Mackos, Director  
[phxgreeksschool@gmail.com](mailto:phxgreeksschool@gmail.com)

Are you ready to learn Greek- Classes start in November!

To sign up or learn more, visit our website [www.greeklanguagekitchen.com](http://www.greeklanguagekitchen.com)

Look forward to welcoming you to our Greek Language Classes and hoping you explore the beauty and richness of the Greek Language!



Holy Trinity Greek  
&  
Heritage School of Phoenix

## What YOU Can Do to Help Visitors Feel Welcome

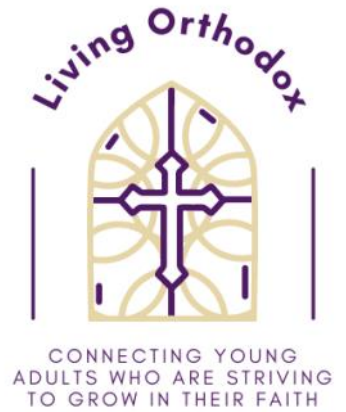
Have you noticed new faces? We've had many visitors stop by lately. Some are Orthodox and visiting from other Parishes, some are returning to Orthodoxy after a long time away, and some are coming to check out Orthodoxy for the very first time. No matter how they come to us, let's make sure we say Hello!

"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!



# 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 at <https://bit.ly/LOconnect> for our email/SMS lists!



## February Potluck

In February, we welcomed Napoleon Kanari, pastoral assistant at St. Katherine's Church, as the guest speaker for our potluck and discussion. The topic was "Feastdays of the Church: A Brief History". Look for presentation notes in an upcoming newsletter. We will not be having a potluck in March, but we encourage everyone to attend the pan-Orthodox Vespers held at various parishes!

## February Social Event

For our first social event of 2025, a group of young adults met in Scottsdale for a wonderful dinner followed by mini golf! It was a lovely time of fellowship and community building. Follow on social media for future events!



## OCMC Dinner

In March, Living Orthodox will be hosting Fr. James Retelas, Mission Center Development Officer, from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), the missions and evangelism agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. He will be in town from March 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, we are arranging a special dinner and presentation by Fr. James on OCMC and ways to support their efforts. The event will be held at Holy Trinity and is **free to attend for all ages**, but RSVPs are required to help us plan. To RSVP, visit [www.ocmc.org/phoenix-dinner](http://www.ocmc.org/phoenix-dinner).

On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Fr. James will be co-celebrating Divine Liturgy at Assumption and speaking at the evening pan-Orthodox Vespers. The next day, he will be speaking at the Orthodox Christian Fellowship meeting.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Living Orthodox, please email us at [livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com](mailto:livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com)! You can also visit <https://linktr.ee/livingorthodox> for links to our social media.



# Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry



# ALL ARE INVITED

## Missions Celebration Weekend

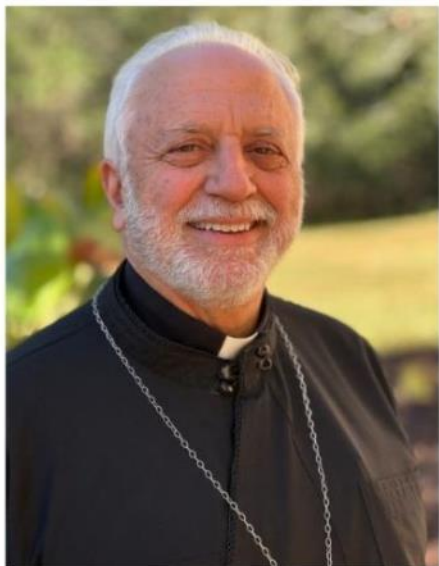
*A Pan Orthodox Event*

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

5PM Vespers; 6:30PM-7:00PM Meet & Greet;  
7:00PM-8:30PM Dinner & OCMC Program

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

1973 E. Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016



### With Mission Center Development Officer, Fr. James Retelas

At the Mission Center, we are committed to helping others nurture a lifelong relationship with Christ in mind, body and spirit. A key tenet of our Orthodox approach to missionary work, this commitment is embodied in the daily activities of not only our missionaries, who foster spiritual growth and community engagement from the earliest stages of life wherever they may be worldwide, but to all Orthodox faithful even here at home. Father James looks forward to continuing this dialogue with you. Join us for fellowship and dinner.

For questions email: Mary Pardhe, President of Living Orthodox Ministry at [livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com](mailto:livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com), or OCMC Event Planner Elaine Drikakis at [elained@ocmc.org](mailto:elained@ocmc.org)



**FREE Event. RSVP Required.  
Donations Encouraged &  
Sponsorships Available!**

[www.ocmc.org/phoenix-dinner](http://www.ocmc.org/phoenix-dinner)



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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.



## 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.

### Desert Springs Subscription

Enjoy **color** copies of Holy Trinity Cathedral's *Desert Springs* delivered to you!

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

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

City, ST, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the Church Office or  
contact Kristen at 602-332-8809

### HTC on Facebook

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](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityGreekOrthodoxCathedralPhoenixAZ)





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# AHEPA CHAPTER 219

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## **Our Next Meeting**

### **Joint Meeting With Daughters of Penelope**

**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2025  
**Location:** HT Speros Community Center  
**Time:** 6pm cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres  
**Dinner:** 7pm  
**Meeting:** 7:45 - 8:45pm  
**Cigars on the patio:** 9:00 - 10:00pm

**RSVP: AHEPA219@GMAIL.COM**  
**or call President Costa Tzavaras**  
**(602) 999-9819**

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## **Membership Information**

**Contact Pete Marudas**  
**602.284.1638**  
**Rosemar2@msn.com**



## AHEPA CHAPTER 219 AWARD RECIPIENTS

# Congratulations

### **AHEPAN OF THE YEAR**

Andrew Touvannas



### **Ecclesiastic Award**

Phillip Panagiotoglou



### **Rookie of the Year**

Alex Sarantis



### **Unsung Hero**

Todd Schiller





# AHEPA Chapter 219



## AHEPA CHAPTER 219 AWARD NIGHT CELEBRATION



# 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!

## Summer Camp



## FDF Greek Anthem





4F—February 22, 2025



**Upcoming 4F Night**

**March 22**  
**Lenten Day Retreat**

Holy Trinity Cathedral and Assumption Present:  
**2025 Youth Lenten Retreat**  
**The Arena of the Virtues**

Arming Ourselves with the Virtues in the Midst of the  
Lenten Struggle

**March 22 9am-3pm @ Holy  
Trinity Cathedral**

Grades 1-12 Welcome

Lunch Provided

RSVP Here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ValleyLenten2025>

Join our combined youth as we participate  
in a day of prayer, learning, fun, and  
formation!



# FDF—Faith, Dance, Fellowship 2025

February 13-16, 2025

We are so proud of all our dancers, directors, and volunteers who worked so hard for a successful FDF 2025! Everyone enjoyed a great weekend of fellowship and dance together. All our groups danced their best and represented our Cathedral well with these results:

**Astrapi (Grades 1-3): 4th Place and Choral Award**

**Division 1 Musician Award: Marko Papamatheakis**

**Costume Award: Ta Patriotakia Cretan Costumes**

**Scholarship Award Winners: Eleni Economopoulos and Ariana Kretsedemas**







## AHEPA Chapter 219



# PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Hosted by the Brothers of  
AHEPA Chapter 219

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES

HOLY TRINITY  
GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
1973 E. MARYLAND AVE - PHOENIX

**\$35 Adults**  
**\$25 Ages 6-17**  
**5 and under free**

**Menu: Greek Style Cod (with Plaki or Skordalia), Greek Style Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Shrimp Scampi, Pasta Marinara, Rolls, Fruit Salad, and  
Dessert/Coffee/Beverage Service**

**Reservations beginning Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour in the  
Speros Community Center**

**Or Contact:**

**Andrew Touvannas (509) 628-6293**

**All Reservations Must Be Paid at Time of Purchase**