

# Desert Springs

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Photos by Kristen Bruskas and the Original Phoenix Greek Festival

Over **4,500 visitors** toured the Cathedral during October's Original Phoenix Greek Festival!  
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# A Message from Father Alexander

## Trust Not in Princes



We have come to the moment we've all been waiting for, some of us pinning our every hope on this month, will we see our savior come? Will my pick for political office win and therefore everything in the world be righted again? Will the proposition I want to pass go forward and all will be good in the world? Perhaps you pick up on my sarcasm (perhaps you don't and I would like you to) but I want you to examine your initial reaction to those questions and statements. Have we been waiting for November 5 as a moment where "things will get better?"

As I reminded us as a community a few months ago, we should put no such trust in our government or any other entity besides God. Even if my party and ideals win 100% on November 5 I still will be a sinner, I still will need to pray, in fact once again, my life will probably change in no meaningful way. I may be expecting this weight to be lifted but there will still be division in this world, there will still be fights, one side will claim injustice and the other victory and we will continue on our way as a country divided.

Perhaps you see this as immensely cynical and maybe it is, but let's examine the "best case scenario." My party and candidates win and the other side graciously admits defeat and they work together to create a better country. Where does that leave me personally? Will that finally grant me inner peace? Unity in myself and with others? Eternal life? At best you'll get one of those and it won't be the last and most important one and that is BEST case scenario.

When we replace God with country or politics we find no peace as evidenced by the previous 8-12 years especially. We read in Psalm 145, "Put not your trust in princes and in the sons of men in whom there is no salvation. His breath shall go forth from him and he shall return to his earth. On that day all his thoughts shall perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord His God who made heaven and earth." Who shall we put our every hope and trust in, the one who made the world, who sends down the rain and sun and sustains our life, or the ones who simply seek your vote for more power?

Again, go vote! And do it with a great understanding of the responsibility you have in doing so. But understand the proper place of this in our life, we take it seriously but we do not put our trust in our rulers here to do much of anything besides keep the peace so that we may live a salvific life. Vote not separate from your faith but let your faith guide your vote (as it should guide every part of you) and pray. This is our role in this election and may God bless whoever it is that wins and "grant that they may govern in peace, Lord, so that in their tranquility we, too, may live calm and serene lives, in all piety and virtue."

**Vote**

# Stewardship

By Sandy Meris



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND GRATITUDE LUNCHEON Sunday, December 8th

Please join us for our annual Stewardship Sunday as we gather as a church family to complete our Stewardship commitments for 2025 and celebrate with a FREE Gratitude Luncheon in the Community Center.

### “YOUR OWN FROM YOUR OWN”

The theme for Stewardship 2025 is “Your Own from Your Own,” from the Divine Liturgy as we offer back to God that which He has given us. He receives our humble offering of bread and wine and returns them to us as His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

### HOW DO I PREPARE FOR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY?

**Step 1:** Open the Stewardship mailer you will receive at the end of the month. Read the letter and review the pledge card.

**Step 2:** Discuss with your spouse or family and prayerfully consider your 2025 pledge. We ask that you please increase your pledge over last year by at least 1%.

**Step 3:** Complete the paper pledge card and mail to the church office or bring to Stewardship Sunday to be blessed at the altar.

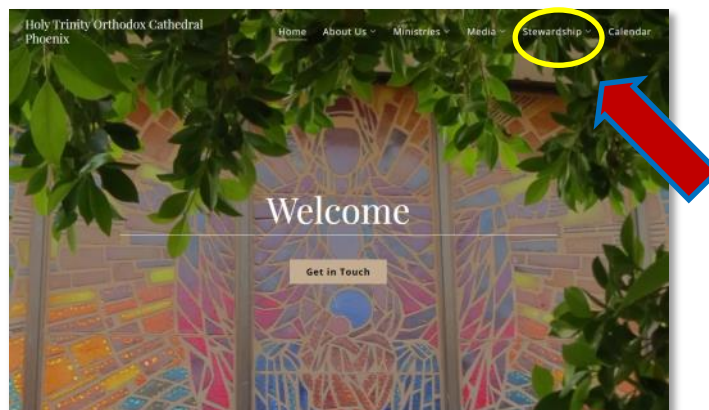
OR

Complete the online Pledge Card on the Holy Trinity website.

**Step 4:** Update your ShelbyNext account to accurately reflect your 2025 pledge if you use our auto pay online payment portal.

### Easy Stewardship Sign Up!

**WeShare is easy!**  
Go to  
[www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org)  
and then click on  
**Stewardship.**



# Stewardship, continued

By Sandy Meris

## STEWARDSHIP 101 FAQs



### **Q: Why do I need to fill out a new pledge card every year?**

**A:** This is a question I get asked a lot by both new and established parishioners. While it may seem repetitive to some, there is a method to the madness I promise you!

First, it's important to understand that this is standard practice at most churches and definitely the established protocol at all Greek Orthodox churches. This is an expectation set forth not by Holy Trinity, but by the Archdiocese.

Why is this an Archdiocese protocol, you may ask? Because it is important that once a year we take a moment to reflect and take stock on our financial commitment to our church.

Our circumstances change. We may move, change jobs, start a family, become empty nesters or retire and thus, our financial situation changes as well. Our annual commitment should reflect this.

### **Q: How much should I pledge?**

**A: The Bible is clear and asks us to tithe which is giving 10% of our income to the church.** We lovingly ask that each of us give our "fair share." If you can afford to give more we hope you feel called to do so. For those who are unable then we ask that you give what you can. Each year, it is important that we take a moment to truly reflect on our financial commitment and give sacrificially. This is one of the most significant aspects of why our Stewardship is done on an annual basis.

### **Q: Why do I need to be a Steward?**

**A: In order to be a "steward in good standing" one must complete a pledge card each year and make a financial contribution toward that pledge.**

One must be a "Steward in good standing" in order to vote during a parish assembly, run for a seat on the parish council or be an officer in a church ministry.

The Archdiocese understands that when we are invested financially in our parish we are more active and involved.

***"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."***  
**Matthew 6:21**

### **Q: Is Stewardship just about financial giving?**

**A: Stewardship is made up of three components - time, talent and treasure.** In order to be fully engaged and committed to our parish we are called to give not just financially but also of our time and lending our talents to the church when and where they are needed. When we are regularly attending services, active in the ministries and life of the parish and practicing sacrificial financial giving, we then realize the full benefits of being an Orthodox Christian.

# The 63rd Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 11, 12, & 13, 2024

[PHOENIXGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG](http://PHOENIXGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG)



## THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to every single one of you who worked tirelessly through the heat this weekend to open our doors and hearts to all our neighbors from Phoenix and beyond.

Thank you to our Festival Chairs: Nick Kretsedemas, Ted Fourlis, and Angelo Pestrivas

Thank you to all who came to help set up weeks in advance

Thank you to all who came early mornings to cook and bake

Thank you to all who worked from morning to night all 3 days

Thank you to all who worked even one shift

Thank you to all our dancers

Thank you to all our sponsors

Thank you to those who came out to clean up this morning

Thank you to all as we hosted over 4,500 people who went on our tours of our beautiful cathedral and we pray they were filled spiritually as they were with food and joy.

God bless you all and on to next year!

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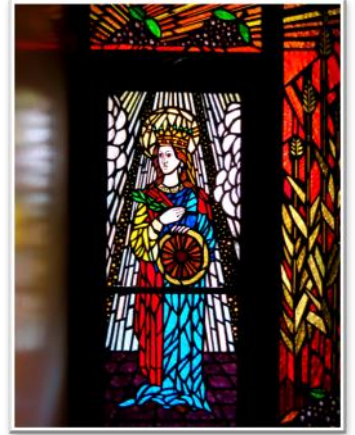
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# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

Kristen Vasilarakos, President



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

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**Next Meeting on Sunday,  
November 3, 2024 at 11:45 am  
in the Lounge of the Speros Community Center**  
☪☪



Thank you to refreshment hostesses Georgi, Alex, & Cathy!



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St. Katherine's Philoptochos of HTC Membership 2024, 1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016

# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

## Tray Passing November 3

Philoptochos is **passing a tray today, Sunday, November 3, for the Patriarchate**. The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople is one of the most enduring churches in the world and has had a prominent part in world history. In addition to the expansion of the faith and Orthodox doctrine, the patriarchate is involved in charitable work and the defense of Orthodox Christian traditions. This tray is one of six trays passed by Philoptochos each year in support of Orthodox causes. Please make checks payable to "Philoptochos".



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## Coffee in the Conference Room

Tuesdays at 9:30 am



For those with a flexible schedule:

Join us for coffee and talk. Included within the social are activities related to Philoptochos' Circle of Angels, other chapter support, sometimes church office support, and just plain hanging out with friends. We'd love to see you!



## Light the Path

Not even distance can keep us in the darkness.

**PHILOPTOCHOS**  
SISTERHOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FAITHFUL SERVICE

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*  
John 1:5

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday, November 17, 2024  
2:00 p.m.

Los Coyotes Country Club  
8888 Los Coyotes Drive  
Buena Park, California

In support of the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund. Join us! More details coming soon!

*Light the Path*

## What is Philoptochos?

The translation is Philo = Friend and Ptochos = Poor. It is literally "Friend of the Poor". Consider joining us today!

The Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos has 59 parish chapters and over 4,000 members who are motivated by the words of the Lord, "I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me... inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

# Holy Trinity's St. Katherine Philoptochos

*Did you know? Only 30% of foster students graduate...  
high school?!?*

*(Bet you thought we were going to say college, right?)*

Because many foster children turn 18 during their senior year, they often don't have the resources that many of us may take for granted.

The Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation [www.affcf.org](http://www.affcf.org) exists to support formerly fostered young adults between the ages of 18-25 by funding social, athletic, and educational activities and items that provide them with quality experiences while they live through very difficult circumstances.

In addition, our Philoptochos chapter supports St. Joseph the Worker [www.sjwjobs.org](http://www.sjwjobs.org). St. Joseph the Worker is responsible for employing more individuals in quality, paying jobs than any other workforce organization in Arizona.

To offer our support for these two vetted and worthy organizations, Philoptochos will be collecting items and money **this Sunday, November 3.**

## Items to collect:

- 13" x 10" zipper pouches so an 8½" x 11" spiral notebook fits into it.
- 8½" x 11" spiral notebooks
- 5' x 7' or similar-sized smaller spiral notebooks
- Black and blue ink pens (click—no cap)
- Yellow highlighters
- Manila or pocket folders
- Lip balms
- Breath mints
- \$25 Fry's Gift Cards



Or

Contribute money to the box or "Caring Coins" water bottle found in the Narthex and we'll buy products!

### Questions?

Reach out to Kristen Vasilarakosby text [602-332-8809](tel:602-332-8809)  
or email [kristen.vasilarakos@outlook.com](mailto:kristen.vasilarakos@outlook.com)  
(Please make checks payable to Philoptochos)



# The 63rd Original Phoenix Greek Festival

October 11, 12, & 13, 2024

[PHOENIXGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG](http://PHOENIXGREEKFESTIVAL.ORG)



Blessing of the Waters for the Festival!

Click [here](#) for 300+ photos!



# The 63rd Original Phoenix Greek Festival

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Click [here](#) for a Festival video 1.

Click [here](#) for a Festival video 2.

Click [here](#) for a Festival video 3.

## The Children's Garden

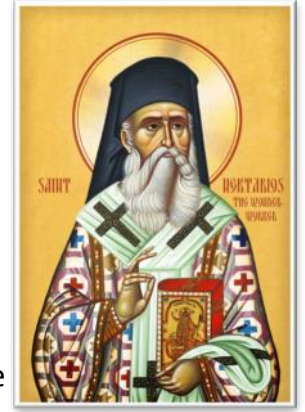
The Children's Garden at Coffee Hour

Used in conjunction with the Pre-K/K class for Sunday School, this area in the Large Hall will be available on Sundays for our little ones to play in and learn together. For any questions or if you're interested in helping please contact Mara Contes [here](#).



# St. Nectarios Books & Beyond

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



## Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple Commemorated on November 21



The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

## 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!



# 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!

We did not have a full Celebration Sunday in October due to the preparations for the Greek festival; however, we still had the birthday lists, cake, and scaled down serving décor to recognize all those who celebrate their birthday in October! In November, we will be back with our full Celebration Sunday! If you or someone you know from the parish is celebrating a baby, 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](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com). If you are interested in volunteering or supporting the Celebration Committee efforts, please email [htcphxevents@gmail.com](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com) and/or talk to Terri Alexon or Mary Pardhe!

If you would like to support future Celebration Committee events with a donation, please visit <https://bit.ly/HTphxCC> or put "Celebration Committee" on the memo line of checks made out to the Cathedral.



# Celebration Committee

## November Birthdays



### Communal Cooking Event

In September, the Communal Cooking crew led by Phillip Panagiotoglou served scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, buttermilk biscuits, sausages/bacon, watermelon, cake, ice cream, and a beautiful rice pudding by Jarneen Constantine. 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!



# 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



10/16/2024

Jovie, daughter of Jackie & Matthew Walsh  
*God's Blessings be upon her.*

## Baptisms

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



10/26/2024

Petra, daughter of Emily & Andrew Pappas  
Godparent: Christina Pappas Silverberg  
*God's Blessings be upon her.*

## Weddings

“Oh Lord our God, crown them with glory and honour.”



10/19/2024

George & Dafina Condon  
Sponsor: Basile Alefantis  
*God's Blessings be upon them.*

## 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



10/28/2024

Vasili (Bill) Marinakos  
*May his memory be eternal.*



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.



## Celebrating!

*Celebration*  
**SUNDAY**

JOIN US ON NOV. 3RD TO CELEBRATE:

- Stella Glitsos' 100th birthday
- Maria Maniatis' 90th birthday
- Bill and Jean Miller's 68th wedding anniversary

If you have any special occasions coming up, please let us know at [htcphxevents@gmail.com](mailto:htcphxevents@gmail.com)!



# Fall Catechism Class

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
**Catechism Class**  
 For Newcomers and Long-time Members

**Wednesday Nights after  
 6:30pm Paraklesis  
 Office Conference Room  
 and Zoom**

EMAIL FR ALEXANDER FOR ZOOM INFO  
 CLASS BEGINS AUGUST 21

# Eight Dates Seminar

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco **Family Wellness Ministry** and the **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries** invite you to journey with us through

**Eight Dates**  
*Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love*  
 by John and Julie Gottman, Ph.D.

Held twice monthly on Thursday evenings via ZOOM

Our 2024-2025 series will be held **Thursdays at 6:30pm PT** via Zoom.

Each session is designed by our Family Wellness Ministry team to engage couples in essential conversations. **Topics include:**

- Trust & Commitment
- Family
- Addressing Conflict
- Fun & Adventure
- Sex & Intimacy
- Growth & Spirituality
- Work & Money
- Hopes & Dreams

“This series transformed our marriage and got us talking and connecting again.”  
 — Jenn & Stavros

“Over the last four years, over 800 couples participated in our *Eight Dates* program and we’ve received countless positive comments of how this experience strengthened their relationships.”  
 — Presvytera Pat Tsalaklis

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE

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 METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO  
 Family Wellness ministry  
 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates

# Church Website

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

[www.holytrinityphx.org](http://www.holytrinityphx.org)

- Events • Services • Photos
- Calendar • Stewardship



Did you know?

We have had **4,898** visitors in the last 30 days and **43,771** visitors in the last year?

Site Visitors

**43,771**

+ 4,898 (last 30 days)

# Fall Bible Study



**Fall Bible Study**

**The (not so) Minor Prophets**

Our Fall Bible Study series will commence in September and will focus on the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. These brave saints withstood the opposition of their countrymen as they delivered the messages God gave them to proclaim.

Set against the backdrop of national catastrophe as the Assyrian, Babylonian, and Persian overran Israel from the mid 8th to the mid 5th centuries BC, the Minor Prophets had the unenviable task of announcing why these events were happening and how they could be ended.

The studies will occur at 5:00PM on Sunday evenings via ZOOM only, beginning on the 15th. Please reply to [papoulihill@gmail.com](mailto:papoulihill@gmail.com) be sent the link to the meetings

*Fr. Apostolos Hill*

# Coffee Socials Following Sunday Liturgies

The October Coffee Socials were sponsored by **Choir**.

The November Coffee Socials are sponsored by **Dance**.

thank you  
for your  
awesomeness



## Desert Diamonds

Julie Karoutas  
for senior parishioners and their  
guests:



Dear Desert Diamonds & Friends

We will be attending the Serbian festival after our church service on Sunday, November 3rd, meeting in the hall to carpool at approximately 12:45PM for those who need a ride. RSVP, ASAP

Let's go & enjoy our Serbian friends' hospitality.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Julie Karoutas

Email: [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com)

Cell: # 623.313.8720



## 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

# Choral Fellowship



**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHORAL FELLOWSHIP**  
**ONE DAY, ONE HYMN!**

Saturday, November 16, 2024 10 AM - 3 PM  
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church - Peoria, AZ

*Holy God* **COME SING WITH US!** *Holy Mighty*

BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH "TRISAGION HYMN"  
BY FR. JOHN FINLEY  
VIDEO RECORDING FOR SOCIAL MEDIA  
DELICIOUS LUNCH  
FAMILY EVENT FOR AGES 8-108

*Holy Memorial One* **IF YOU LOVE TO SING, YOU'LL LOVE THIS EVENT!** *Have mercy on us*

**REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 23**  
at [occfellowship.org](http://occfellowship.org)  
Adults \$15 Children (12 & under) \$10  
Additional children in same family \$5

For more information, please email us:  
[info@occfellowship.org](mailto:info@occfellowship.org)

[occfellowship.org](http://occfellowship.org) [facebook.com/occfellowship](https://facebook.com/occfellowship)  
Orthodox Christian Choral Fellowship, OCCF, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster fellowship among the members of Orthodox Christian parishes through participation in choral singing.

Warm up your voice and join us on Saturday, November 16, in Peoria for our in-person One Day, One Hymn choral fellowship event! We'll learn, sing, and record a video of Fr. John Finley's beautiful English "Trisagion Hymn." Registration at [www.occfellowship.org](http://www.occfellowship.org). Come sing with us!

# St. Katherine Church



**ONE DAY EVENT**  
Greek Food, Pastries,  
Music & Dancing  
Beer & Wine... OPA!  
Free Admission &  
Free On-Site Parking

**TAVERNA**

Rain or Shine - Inside  
Community Center

**Saturday, November 9th, 11am-8pm**  
St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Community Center  
Just South of Elliott on Dobson Rd  
2716 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224  
For more information, visit our Facebook page or [ATasteofGreeceAZ.com](http://ATasteofGreeceAZ.com)

# Sunday School Returns!

We're excited to announce Sunday School classes back in classrooms this Fall! Led by Alexia Panagiotakopoulos as our new director, we have our 4 "pods" which will be:



- Pre-K-K (located in the Lounge Area)
- 1-4th Grade (located in the Goya Room)
- 5-8th Grade (located in the Conference Room)
- 9-10th Grade (located in the Chapel)

All 11-12 Graders who wish to participate will be assigned a classroom to volunteer in as an assistant teacher.

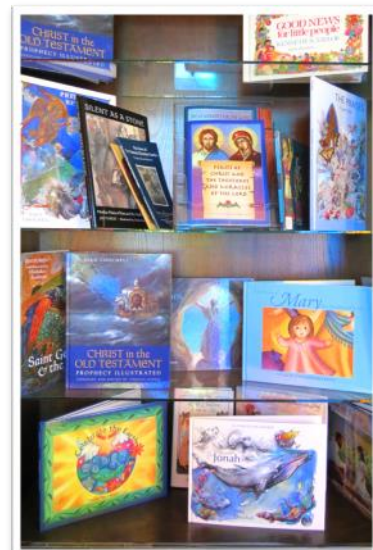
Children will be dismissed after the final Amen in Liturgy and memorials and announcements will be given after the dismissal of the students. Sunday School will be dismissed at 11:30am tentatively until we confirm this is the proper amount of time needed, adjustments may come later and you will be notified.

Email Alexia at our new email:  
[htphxsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:htphxsundayschool@gmail.com)

REGISTER HERE: [2024-2025 Sunday School Registration \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)

# Stop by Our Bookstore!

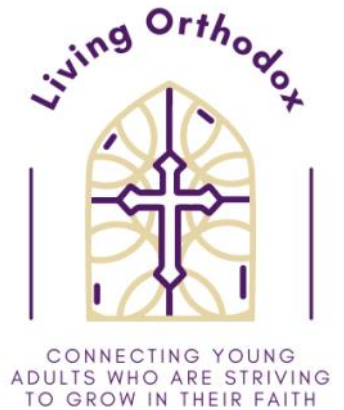
Typically open on Sundays after Liturgy



# Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry

## 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!



## Living Orthodox Fall Retreat

Registration is open for our fall retreat on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 3:30 pm! Fr. Chris Salamy from St. George Antiochian Church will be the keynote speaker. We will also have a service project, ask-a-priest discussion, panel discussions on "Called to Faith: Creating a God-Centered Life in Every Season" and "Discerning a Calling to Church Ministry" along with a visit from a representative of Holy Cross Hellenic College who will talk about available programs for those interested in learning more about the faith or pursuing church ministry!

Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/LO-eventreg> and invite your friends!

## September Potluck and Discussion

At our September potluck and discussion, Christian Farradj, the youth pastor at St. George Antiochian Church, gave an informative presentation on the topic "Understanding the Liturgical Music Cycle of the Church". Young adults from six parishes attended for a time of fellowship and community. The summary of the event is below; however, the full video can be viewed on our YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/3O2roul>).

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.



## UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGICAL MUSIC CYCLE OF THE CHURCH

Written by Living Orthodox volunteers

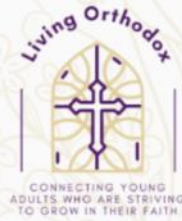
The video of the full presentation is available on our YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/3O2roul>.

On Sunday, September 22, Holy Trinity hosted the monthly Living Orthodox potluck meeting on the topic "Understanding the Liturgical Music Cycle of the Church". The guest speaker was Christian Farradj, the Youth Pastor at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Phoenix. Christian's background in Orthodox hymnography is extensive with significant educational training and involvement with different Byzantine music choirs. The evening lecture focused on understanding the complexities of the liturgical cycle based on the modes, feast days, and hymnography.

*Living Orthodox continued on page 23*

*Desert Springs October 2024*

# Retreat Flyer



# Fall Retreat

## *Finding our Calling in Christ*

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**  
**8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ

Join young adults (18 - 30s) from across the Valley for a weekend of spiritual growth, community, and fun!

### **Keynote Speaker:**

**Fr. Chris Salamy** is the priest at St. George Antiochian Church in Phoenix. He holds a BA in Philosophy from Loyola Marymount University, an MDiv from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and a Doctorate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

### **Panel Discussions:**

- "Called to Faith: Creating a God-Centered Life in Every Season"
- "Discerning a Calling to Church Ministry"

### **What Else To Expect:**

Ask-a-priest discussion, lunch, a community service project, and a session with a representative from the Holy Cross School of Theology!

*Register today!*



- Early Registration (until 10/27): \$25
- Regular Registration (until 11/10): \$35
- Late Registration: \$45

<https://tinyurl.com/LO-eventreg>

**Questions? Contact [livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com](mailto:livingorthodoxministry@gmail.com).**

# Living Orthodox Young Adult Ministry

*Living Orthodox continued from page 21*

The modes include 1st mode, 2nd mode, 3rd mode, 4th mode, plagal 1st mode, plagal 2nd mode, grave mode, and plagal 4th mode. Each mode expresses the tonality of what is being prayed during the service. The services themselves rely upon service books: Holy Scripture, the Typicon, the Menaion, the Octoechos, the Horologion, the Triodion, the Pentecostarion, the Heirmologion, the Ieratikon, and the Euchologion. With the help of these books, the Vespers, Compline, Midnight Office, Orthros, First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour, and Ninth Hour, are constructed daily. The daily services are significant to pivotal events and holy figures of the Orthodox Church: Sunday celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ; Monday commemorates the bodiless powers; Tuesday recognizes John the Baptist and the prophets; Wednesday venerates the cross and fasts due to the betrayal; Thursday honors the Apostles and St. Nicholas; Friday mourns the crucifixion; and Saturday commemorates the martyrs and contains prayers for the dead. The hymnography is directed on these events and many others that occurred within Holy Scripture and throughout church history from Old to New Testament. The crucial feast days that reset certain liturgical cycles are Pascha and Pentecost, which celebrate Christ's conquering of death by death and opening the Kingdom of Heaven to all through His ministry. The following information regarding the Liturgical Cycle is far more extensive but was covered in detail by Christian during the potluck.

If you are interested in learning more about this component in the life of the church, please watch the video on our channel: <https://bit.ly/3O2roul>. Slides from Christian's presentation are available on our Google Drive (<https://bit.ly/3Arj7L8>).

## FOCUS Flyer



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](#)





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# AHEPA CHAPTER 219

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## Our Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024  
**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**



# SCHOLARSHIP

**PROGRAM 2024 -2025**

**DEADLINE - MUST BE  
POSTMARKED OR  
RECEIVED BY  
NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION  
IS ON [AHEPA219.COM](https://www.ahepa219.com)**



**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
NICHOLAS PETSAS  
602-710-0840**

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 [npetsas@outlook.com](mailto:npetsas@outlook.com)

# Daughters of Penelope

Helenos Chapter #432

Daughters of Penelope El Camino District 20



## Wonderful and Exciting New from Daughters of Penelope Helenos #432

We are preparing for our 95th Anniversary Celebration here at Holy Trinity on November 16th and hosting the coffee hour on the 17th. We look forward to serving you all!



## Announcing the 95th Anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope November 16, 2024



**Founder's Day Luncheon hosted  
by Helenos Chapter 432  
Saturday, November 16, 2024  
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox  
Cathedral

1973 E. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix,  
AZ

**Reservation Required**

- ★ \$25 payable to DOP Helenos 432
- ★ Reservation DEADLINE November 8th
- ★ Send payment with your name, phone #  
(and reference DOP luncheon) to  
church office.

- ★ Guest speaker, Debbie Hansen,  
past Arizona State President of  
The Questers, will entertain with  
the provocative tale of the struggle  
of American women to gain equal  
rights, including the ability to vote.
- ★ Buffet includes chicken, fall  
veggies, rice, salad, bread and  
galaktobouriko.
- ★ Prizes and crafts for the  
holidays
- ★ For more info email Georgia  
Lipane at  
[DOPHelenos432@gmail.com](mailto:DOPHelenos432@gmail.com)
- ★ Looking forward to  
seeing you there!

# Daughters of Penelope, continued

Helenos Chapter #432

Daughters of Penelope El Camino District 20



In service of others, the chapter had a blanket making party to support the efforts of Project Linus. They provide comfort to children 0-18.



Daughters of Penelope was honored once again at the New York Stock Exchange for our 95th Anniversary. We were also an "Answer" on Jeopardy. AXIA!

So many events are still ahead, and we look forward to welcoming new members.

Empowered Together,

Cynthia Bekiaris

President Helenos #432

[dophelenos432@gmail.com](mailto:dophelenos432@gmail.com)

# 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!

## 4F—November

Our regularly scheduled 4F returns November 9 after our Movie Night in October!  
Join us for our usual night of fun and faith with our kids from Grades 1-12.

RSVP [here](#)



## Senior GOYA Donuts—

Join us next Sunday, Nov. 10 after Sunday School by the  
Sampson Memorial Area for donuts and discussion led by you,  
our High Schoolers!



Panigiri on November 2!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR**

# **PANIGIRI**

**HOSTED BY THE HOLY TRINITY  
GREEK DANCE PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
1973 E. MARYLAND AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85016

**LIVE MUSIC.  
VIP TABLES.  
DINNER. DANCING.**

**CONTACT ANNA WITH QUESTIONS:  
(602) 469-8676**

