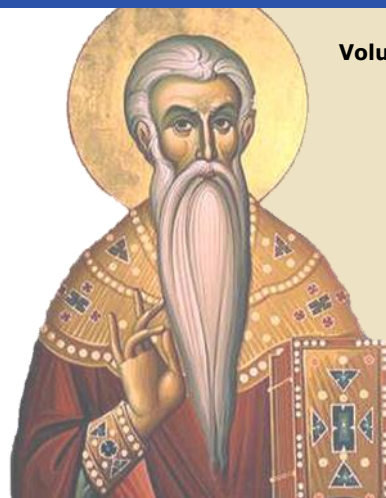


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Come,  
**RECEIVE**  
the **LIGHT!**



Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos

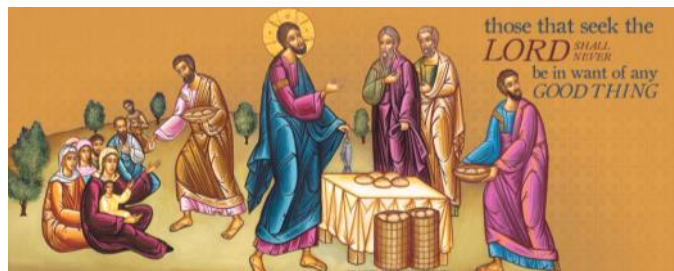
# Stewardship

The goal for 2018 is to have all parish families become Good Stewards of Saint Haralambos Church. This means carefully completing the 2018 Stewardship brochure, making sure your family information is correct, making a financial pledge for the year, and becoming involved in parish ministries.

When we recognize that everything we have: health, wealth, time and talents, are all gifts from God, there should be no hesitation in using those gifts to build up His Church and to glorify His name. To exercise good stewardship is to use God's gifts in ways that glorify Him and build up His Church. This means using our gifts for the benefit of others, giving a portion of our time and treasure for the strengthening of the Church. When a

person realizes his dependency on God's blessings, sharing them with others and through His Church is a very natural and joyful response.

If needed, new/blank Stewardship brochures are available on Sundays.



## Gathering of Prayer

### The Living Presence of Paschal Joy

On the week of Thomas Sunday, the second week of the Paschal season, our parish will inaugurate a traditional cemetery blessing as an annual element of our Paschal celebrations. Our blessed Church Father, St. John Chrysostom (349-407) wrote about the commemoration of the dead performed on Tuesday of St. Thomas week in his "Homily on the Cemetery and the Cross." Our Eastern European brethren call this "Radonitsa" which means "Day of Rejoicing." Some of these Churches have been blessing their cemeteries on Monday or Tuesday of the second week of Easter for centuries.

Today we do not have the 'small village' luxury of a single cemetery to serve our needs; so we will be annually rotating through 4 cemetery locations: Sunland, Resthaven, the National Cemetery and Phoenix Memorial. We will meet at a pre-determined location and chant the memorial service

with Christ is Risen, and read all the names of our parishioners interred at that particular cemetery. After this service, we can go around to each gravesite at that location where Fr. Michael can offer a personal memorial blessing if requested.

For our first cemetery visit, we will go to the Sunland cemetery in Sun City. Unfortunately for our first time, we'll have to do this on Thursday instead of the traditional Tuesday but will schedule subsequent years on Tuesday.

This year we will meet at 10 am, Thursday Apr. 19, at Sunland Memorial Park, 15826 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351. We will gather at the Garden of Valor (military burial section), which is found by turning left (south) through the roundabout past the office building.

Join with us to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection with our departed loved ones.

## Missions Possible

The annual appeal to raise funds for the Missions Department of our Metropolis runs from the beginning of Lent through Pentecost Sunday. The "Missions Possible" campaign (formerly "Mochas for Missions") helps to grow Orthodoxy in America and everyone is encouraged to help by offering what they can each Sunday in the collection cups on the tables in the Fellowship Room. May God bless and strengthen your Lenten Journey!

## Easter Gifts



Resurrection Icons are available for purchase in our Bookstore.



## Christ's Holy Resurrection

*"Come, receive the Light, from the Unwaning Light, and glorify Christ, Who is risen from the dead!"*

It is at this moment, listening to the above-chanted hymn in a darkened Church, when our attention is drawn to a single vigil candle which rests on the Holy Altar table. Followed in the same way in Orthodox Churches throughout the world, the first to receive this flame and light the paschal candle, the priest moves out from the altar and begins to share this light of Christ's Resurrection with the faithful in attendance.

The hymn is repeated by all as the Church interior begins to glow brighter as more and more rows of candles are lit. No mention, just yet, of the Resurrection. What follows next is the scripture reading taken from the gospel of Saint Mark, who wrote of the women that first found the empty tomb into which the body of the Lord Jesus was placed just two days before.

They are the first to hear the Good News from the angel at the tomb who proclaims, *"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here!"* (Mark 16:6)

Dear Faithful of Saint Haralambos Church, the message that Christ the Savior was no longer

confined to the tomb, that He truly had risen from the grave, is a message that has continuously been spread throughout the world to this day. It has lost neither its meaning, its power, nor its significance over the centuries.

I lovingly encourage and invite all to take part in our parish celebration of Christ's Holy Resurrection, beginning with the daily Holy Week services, the Divine Liturgy on Holy

Saturday morning, returning at 11 pm with the Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy, and concluding with the Vespers of Love on Easter Sunday afternoon. (Please see the Holy Week schedule for days and times.)

There will always be time for family celebrations. But let us not lose sight of our obligation, as Orthodox Christians, to come together as a Church family to "praise, bless and worship the Lord" according to the sacred tradition of this most Holy Week.

As you hear the above hymn, "Come, receive the light!" chanted on Holy Saturday evening, I look forward to sharing the light of the joyous Resurrection of Christ with you and your family.

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**Rev. Michael Pallad**

### Sunday Worship

Matins: 8:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

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### Hours

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Parish Council

Vaughn Bachanos  
Olga Carlson  
Anna Kinniburgh  
Elizabeth Martell

Paul McGinn  
Nardos Russom  
Solomon Woldesilassie



## St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Monday, Mar. 5, and the following commitments were discussed and voted on:

National

- OCMC, Christian Mission Center: \$75
- Support a Mission Priest: \$75

Metropolis

- Social Welfare, Emerg. Relief: \$400

### Resurrection Service

We welcome any finger foods you would like to share at the resurrection reception. Please bring your dish to the kitchen before the service begins.

### Agape Ball

On Saturday, Apr. 21 we will be partnering with the other local Philoptochos chapters and hosting the Annual Agape Ball to help fund the Kids N Cancer Camp that we sponsor. We are seeking donations of all kinds to add to the Silent Auction to be held during this event.

Some suggestions are:

- Theme Baskets; Wine – Chocolate – Pasta – Kitchenware
- Tickets to a; Sports Event – Play – Concert – Golf Outing

Please contact me or Anna Kinniburgh for reservations and or donations.

### How You Can Help

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour. Please see Anna Kinniburgh to sign up.
- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- Shop at the Deli/Bake Sales.
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.
- Link your Fry's card to the Fry's Community Rewards Program.  
(See or call Stella Pagos, 623-975-0027, for more information on how to participate.)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Apr. 15 at 12:00 pm.

## Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

### March

- 4: Anna Kinniburgh
- 11: Philoptochos
- 18: Obren & Haidopoulos Families
- 25: Forever Young Group

### April

- 1: Palm Sunday Fish Lunch
- 8: Easter Pot Luck
- 15: Available
- 22: Available
- 29: Available

### May

- 6: Nick & Robyn Pappas
- 13: Available
- 20: Available
- 27: Available

Note: Due to publication printing deadlines, any changes to the coffee hour listings will be noted in next month's newsletter.



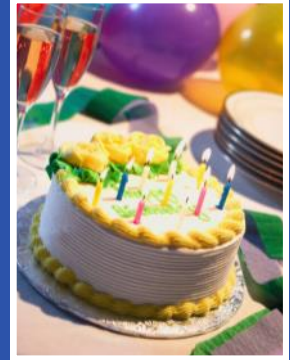
## Memory Eternal

May God grant eternal rest to two long-time and beloved members of Saint Haralambos Church: Katherine (Pat) Janofsky, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, Mar. 16, and Jean Sgouros, who

fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, Mar. 20.

May our Lord Jesus Christ grant comfort to their families, and may their memory be eternal.

## Birthdays



- Noah Solomon (3)
- Abraham Durgam (5)
- Sophia Karandreas (6)
- Dorothy Vordos (7)
- Stefanos Macrides (12)
- Barbara Savaidis (12)
- Dennis Germenis (14)
- Almaz Berhe (15)
- Paula Farr (15)
- Nardos Yohannes (15)
- John Dicks (17)
- Kimon Ayan (18)
- Chrissy King (18)
- Jeff Farr (20)
- David Rodriguez (20)
- Georgia Trakas (20)
- Katelyn Pritchard (22)
- Melanie Singleton (22)
- Roy Christian (28)
- Eve Devolites (30)
- Elisabeth Rodriguez (30)

If you don't see your name, or those of family members, and would like to be included on the monthly birthday listing, please send the information to the church office.

# 1ST ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY | MAY 11, 2018

Starfire Golf Club | Scottsdale



## SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



## 8:00 AM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

7:00 am Check-In

Course located at 15500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale 85260

## \$100 PER GOLFER

(If paid by May 1st | \$125 after deadline)

Includes lunch and goodie bags

Mulligan packages and raffle prize tickets will be available at the course

Bring a full foursome or we can add you to one!

## AWARD LUNCHEON FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

1:00 pm at Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

(Non-golfers encouraged to attend @ \$25/person)

RSVP by MAY 1, 2018

office@assumptionaz.org | 480-991-3009



## ALL SAINTS CAMP





# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Walk for Missions:

## Join us or make a donation!

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

2018 Checks payable to Project Mexico



Directions to Kiwanis Park, Tempe, AZ

**Direction from I-10:** exit Baseline East.

Turn South (right) on Mill. Turn right onto All American Way. Take the first Right into the (first) Parking Area. Proceed to the water: Ramadas #11 & #12 by the bathrooms.

**Directions from 101:** exit Baseline West. Turn South (left) on Mill. Turn right onto All American Way. Take the first Right into the (first) Parking Area. Proceed to the water: Ramadas #11 & #12 by the bathrooms.



*Building Hope for Boys Without Families and Families Without Homes*

**SPONSORED BY: OCMC & Project Mexico Missions Alumni/ SUPPORTED BY: The Arizona Council of Eastern Orthodox Clergy**

# APRIL 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>Palm Sunday</b>  6:00pm Christ the Bridegroom Service	<b>2</b>   <b>Holy Monday</b>  7:00pm Matins Christ the Bridegroom	<b>3</b>   <b>Holy Tuesday</b>  7:00pm Matins Christ the Bridegroom	<b>4</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts  <b>Holy Wednesday</b>  6:00pm Sacrament of Holy Unction	<b>5</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>Holy Thursday</b>  6:00pm The 12 Passion Gospels	<b>6</b> 9:00am The Royal Hours 11:00am Youth Retreat  <b>Holy Friday</b> 3:00pm Vespers Descent from the Cross 7:00pm The Lamentations	<b>7</b> 10:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>Holy Saturday</b>  11:15pm Resurrection Service
<b>8</b> <b>Orthodox Easter Sunday/Holy Pascha</b>  1:00pm Agapi/Love Vespers 2:00pm Easter Sunday Potluck Luncheon	<b>9</b> Bright Week (No Fasting)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>   7:00pm Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy  12:00pm Philoptochos	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>   7:00pm Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00am Arizona Walk for Missions
<b>22</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>   7:00pm Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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