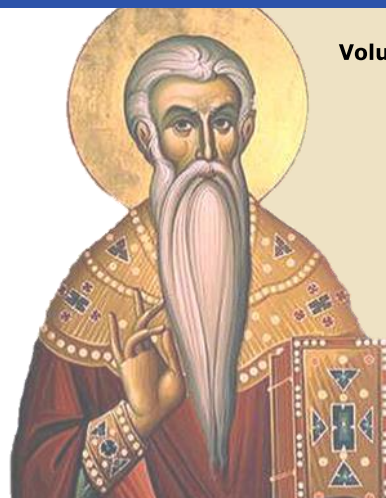


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Fall Youth Programs Begin This Month



Wednesday, August 19 at 7pm

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

Forever Young

By Julie Karoutas

On Monday, Jul. 13 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at church, we had a “Koukla’s Kitchen” pot luck luncheon and meeting to plan our upcoming year. We got out our “Thinking Caps” and came up with some good ideas! A great big “Thank you” to all who attended and to those who brought some yummy food for our potluck!



On Monday, Sep. 14, in the am, we can carpool and go to MIM (Musical Instrument Museum) in Scottsdale, this wondrous place is so amazing! I guarantee you that you will need more than one visit to see all that there is to enjoy! They have a gourmet “Bistro” there also, in case you would care for a bit of refreshment, but save your appetite, we will go to one of the local restaurants close by for a

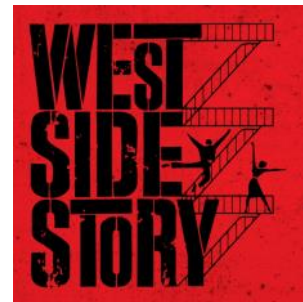
late lunch, early dinner where we can continue to enjoy our Fellowship! Wear comfortable shoes.

Russ Skocypec has graciously offered to host “A Day at the Races” fun game at his home in Sun City Grand, on Saturday, Sep. 26 at 4 pm; address & directions will be available at a later date. It is played on many cruise ships, and a lot of fun, Russ has all of the equipment that we will need. We will start off with appetizers and cocktails, play the Horse racing game and then enjoy a dinner of Brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans & coleslaw. I will be sending out a list of things to bring. I will need to know who is planning on attending and what you will be bringing. Please mark your calendars and respond as soon as possible.

In December, we will be heading to Arizona’s Christmas city, Prescott, we will be going by bus on

Monday, Dec. 7 in the early am. Please see flyer & itinerary on page 6 or in the church’s online bulletin.

Perhaps later in the Fall, we can have a REAL “Day at the Races”! A date will be set for that event. I will have information on upcoming Concerts, the Arizona Winds concert band usually starts the new season in the latter part of October and always on a Sunday afternoon; when information becomes available, I will send it to you. Dinner Theatre; at Arizona Broadway Theatre, I will be planning a date to go see the musical “West Side Story”, other plays coming up are: “A Christmas Carol” beginning on Nov.17 and a host of wonderful plays & musicals; as well as Theater Works in Peoria, many good things coming up: outings, Speakers, etc. I will also check with Father Michael to see if we can have “Movie” night at the church. Don’t miss out, we are having a good time and enjoying wonderful fellowship!



We have much coming up, concerts, pot-lucks, speakers, join us, and enjoy life. Please respond to whatever it is you wish to attend in plenty of time, it is so important when planning these things to have all information and payment where applicable, ahead. Thanking you in advance for your timely responses to the above outings.





Youth Participation in Church

“Mom, do we *have* to go to Church today?” Is there a mom out there who hasn’t heard their child ask that question? I know mine did. (Not from me, of course; I have four siblings) For the younger parents who might not have had this question put to them yet, wait, it won’t be too long!

I would love to sit down, parent to parent, and listen to the responses to that question that have been made over the years. Because, let’s face it, after a busy week and a late Saturday night, is it just the children who question the need to get up, get dressed, get in the car, and get to Church on Sunday mornings?

Have you heard this one? “Show me in the Bible where it says we need to go to Church on Sunday mornings!” Can you see the triumphal look of a parent (or any adult) who uses this defense for sleeping in on Sundays? What message will their children get?

How about getting children up for school during the week? Does that fall into a different category? In most homes, there is no

question, barring an illness, about getting to school each morning, and on time. It’s expected, it’s required: no “ifs,” “ands” or “buts!”

When parents accept their role and behave as parents, they set the example in the family for their children to follow whether it’s getting up for school during the week, or getting up for Church on Sunday mornings.

If complaints arise, they should be addressed calmly and lovingly, letting children know that Sunday mornings are devoted to worshipping God. Over time, when they see the importance their parents place on Sunday mornings, children will follow the routine, just as they do during the week for school.

The religious education of our youth is an important goal at St. Haralambos Church. Children depend on the support of their parents to bring them to Church on Sundays, and to participate in Youth Group events and activities.

The goal of our parish youth

programs is to help our young people live their Orthodox Christian Faith with activities that involve the four pillars of youth ministry: Worship, Witness, Service and Fellowship.

Parents, your children need your support of our parish Youth Ministry so they can benefit from them. They will follow the example you set for them. If it is a priority for you, it will become a priority for them as well.

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**St. Haralambos
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Rev. Michael Pallad

Sunday Worship

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

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Parish Council

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Dennis Georgen
Kathy Harvey

Timothy Harvey
Russel Skocypec
Russell Zook

Birthdays



Emmitt Sokol (1)
 Al Cuccorelli (2)
 Gianna Selles (2)
 Irene Nathanson (4)
 Dorothy Ayan (5)
 Daniel Martin, Jr. (6)
 Phillip Bell (7)
 Georgia Savaidis (7)
 Ali Yaghooti (9)
 Pierce Retsinas (11)
 Raymond Wirsing (11)
 Aphrodite Devolites (14)
 Tania Ballas (15)
 Sue Charbel (17)
 Jean Dal Pan (17)
 Alexis Tremoulis (17)
 Fr. Michael Pallad (18)
 Thalia Zorbas (18)
 John Dal Pan (22)
 Michael Fulghum (22)
 Anna Yacyshyn (22)
 Kara Martin (23)
 Parker Rosekrans (24)
 Evanthia Vardalos (25)
 Val Danos (27)
 Keegan Kelly (30)
 Yvette Nicholas (31)

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.

Orthodox Church Response

Orthodox Church Response to US Supreme Court Decision on Same Sex Marriage

The following statement is reprinted here for the awareness of our parish families.

"The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America strongly disagrees with the United States Supreme Court decision of June 26, Obergefell v. Hodges, in which the Court invents a constitutional right for two members of the same sex to marry, and imposes upon all States the responsibility to license and recognize such "marriages."

The Supreme Court, in the narrowest majority possible, has overstepped its purview by essentially re-defining marriage itself. It has attempted to settle a polarizing social and moral question through legislative fiat. It is immoral and unjust for our government to establish in

law a "right" for two members of the same sex to wed. Such legislation harms society and especially threatens children who, where possible, deserve the loving care of both a father and a mother.

As Orthodox Christian bishops, charged by our Savior Jesus Christ to shepherd His flock, we will continue to uphold and proclaim the teaching of our Lord that marriage, from its inception, is the lifelong sacramental union of a man and a woman. We call upon all Orthodox Christians in our nation to remain firm in their Orthodox faith, and to renew their deep reverence for and commitment to marriage as taught by the Church. We also call upon our nation's civic leaders to respect the law of Almighty God and uphold the deeply-rooted beliefs of millions of Americans."

Men of God: Building up the role of Men in the Church

St. Haralambos Church has a vision for the men of our parish: to better understand their role as husbands, fathers and faithful Christians. Monthly meetings are scheduled on the second Saturday each

month. This month's meeting is at 10 am on Saturday, Aug. 8. All men in our parish are invited to join the fellowship. Please contact Tim Harvey for further information.

Family Bingo

Still one of the most simple and fun ways to spend family time together! Bring a can or box of food as your admission ticket at 2 pm on Saturday, Aug. 22 in our Fellowship Room. If you'd like to share an appetizer or snack, bring it along as well. Friends are welcome; prizes for each game.



Church Beautification Project

It's been awhile since posting the last inTouch article about the Project. Please forgive me, when in work mode I enter a focused and quiet place - and have not written to you very much. The scaffold has been moved out of the Nave for this current phase of ground level work; it will be moved back inside when work on the upper register of the rear and side walls begins.

After these walls near completion, the work on the Iconostasis will begin. Here, the focus will be on highlighting the big

icons with clarity. During the introductory presentation of the project, I described the visual attitude that we're headed for as a 'dynamic stillness.' As you see the progression of painted areas during the painting process, rest assured that this will not result in a visually crowded or 'busy' visual environment.

As always, your patience and support for this effort is appreciated very much!

Parish Youth Programs

All parents with children up to age 18 are invited and encouraged to attend the Parent Information Night on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Fr. Michael will be discussing the many fun and worthwhile opportunities for our young people to learn about and stay connected to our Church and Faith.

Registration Forms and Youth Activity Calendars will be available for parents to register their children for Sunday School and Youth Groups, each based on their

children's school grade level. Games and activities will be available for children during the Parent's Meeting.

Join the first youth event on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 11 am - 1pm volunteering at the Valley View Community Foodbank in Peoria. The morning will begin with Divine Liturgy at 9 m for the feast day of St. John the Baptist, and then drive down to the Foodbank. See Lindsay Vardalos for details or questions.

Name Days

Many years/*Chronia Polla* to those named after the following

St. Teodosios of Argos (7th)

St. Laurentios (Laurence)
(10th)

Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th)

St. Stamatios (16th)

St. Theophanes of Mt. Athos
(19th)

St. Irenaios (23rd)

St. Moses the Ethiopian (28th)

Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts/sponsors.

July

- 5: Obren Family
- 12: Lydia Solomon & Nardos Russom
- 19: Donna Manos & Reni Milonas
- 26: Community Potluck

August

- 2: Lindsay Vardalos
- 9: Andriana Henson
- 16: Available
- 23: Available
- 30: Community Potluck

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



Forever Young Casino & Sightseeing Adventure

**Cliff Castle Casino, Camp Verde
Prescott, Arizona's Christmas City**

Monday, December 7th

\$45 per person

Trip includes:

- Luxury fully equipped Motor Coach with Certified Driver/Guide
- \$25 'play check' from Cliff Castle Casino voted #1 for over a decade!
- Additional \$10 'play check' for all NEW members of the Castle Club!
- Over 660 SLOTS, Live Blackjack and Poker & Bowling!
- Complimentary breakfast or lunch in the Mountain Springs Buffet!
- A visit to the "Ginger Bread Village" display at Prescott Resort.
- Historic Whiskey Row, featuring the wondrously lit Courthouse Square
- Shopping & Dinner at any one of the fantastic restaurants & shops of your choice in beautiful downtown Prescott, Arizona's Christmas City, on your own!
- Valley of Lights, spectacular display of over one million, Prescott Valley

Please make checks payable to: CC & Company
Sign up & pay Julie Karoutas, 623-972-2382 by Fri., Nov. 20.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy the FUN!

1st pick up: Depart at 7:00 am, St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, Chandler

2nd pick up: Depart at 7:30 am, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Phoenix

3rd pick up: Depart at 8:00 am, Denny's Restaurant at I17 & W. Bell Rd.
(2717 W. Bell Rd.; parking in adjacent grocery store parking lot.)

9:30 am: Arrive Cliff Castle Casino, Camp Verde

1:30 pm: Depart Cliff Castle Casino, Camp Verde

2:00 pm: Arrive Gingerbread Village display at Prescott Resort

2:30 pm: Depart Prescott Resort

2:45 pm: Arrive Courthouse Square, Arizona's Christmas City, Prescott
(3 hours to shop, explore boutiques, antique shops, enjoy dinner!)

6:00 pm: Depart for Home via the Valley of Lights, Prescott Valley

(All times approximate)

Please dress comfortably and wear comfortable shoes, be sure to bring a jacket or sweater, it will be cooler in Prescott than in the Valley. This is a full day of fun and enjoyment, bring your friends.

Think Winning & Fun!!!

Cliff Castle Casino is owned & operated by the Yavapai-Apache Nation

Offered by CC & Company, Cynthia Cart, Toll Free @ 1-877-541-7812

MUST HAVE PHOTO ID – NO CAMERAS ALLOWED in casino - MUST be 21 to enter

Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Peoria, Arizona

Youth Registration Form

PARENT INFORMATION

FATHER

Last Name, First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

MOTHER

Last Name, First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (other than parent or guardian)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

CHILDREN

Last Name, First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Grade level	Medical Issues, Allergies, Restrictions

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

☐ Sunday Snacks

☐ Christmas Program

☐ Holy Friday Retreat

☐ Classroom Assistant

Preferred Level:

☐ Pre-K (age 3 - 4 yrs)

☐ K-3rd Grade

☐ 4th-6th Grade

☐ 7th-8th Grade

☐ 9th-12th Grade

☐ Event Chaperone

☐ Event Transportation

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Mortgage Reduction Tray	3 7:00pm Office of Supplication	4	5 7:00pm Great Vespers	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy Transfiguration of Christ	7 7:00pm Office of Supplication	8 10:00am Men of God
9 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	10 7:00pm Office of Supplication	11	12 7:00pm Office of Supplication	13	14 6:00pm Vespers Assumption Church Scottsdale	15 9:00am Divine Liturgy Dormition of the Theotokos
16 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy IOCC Offering Tray	17 7:00pm Parish Council	18	19 7:00pm Parent Youth Group Information Night	20	21	22 2:00pm Family Bingo
23 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Begins	24 7:00pm Executive Council	25	26	27	28	29 9:00am Divine Liturgy Beheading of John the Baptist 11:00am Valley View Food Bank
30 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Potluck	31					

We're Going to Miss You!

Penny Obren is shown with Fr. Michael and Ann Henson on Sunday, Jul. 5, with a hand-made quilt created by Ann as a farewell gift to Penny who is moving to northern Arizona. The quilt was created from individual squares containing photos and personal well-wishes from parishioners. We will all remember Penny for her warm smile and friendly greeting each Sunday morning, and pray that God grant her good health and happiness in the years ahead.

