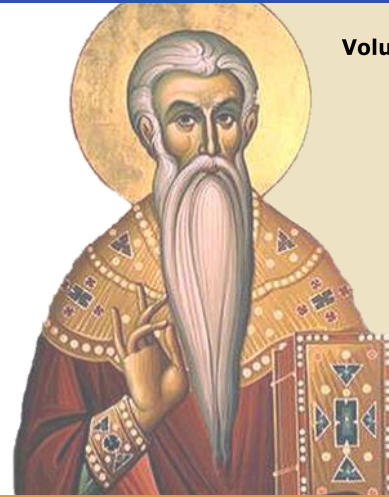


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During the first two weeks of August, Orthodox Christians pray the Salutations to the Theotokos.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7pm.



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

Special Prayer Services

The month of August has two great religious feast days: the Transfiguration of Christ on the 6th, and the Repose of the Theotokos on the 15th. The first two weeks of August are ones of fasting, in preparation for the celebration on the 15th. During these two weeks, evening prayer services, the Office of Supplication to the Theotokos, is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 pm. The prayers during this beautiful service include many stanzas of inspirational poetry, asking our Lord's

mother to hear our prayers and pray to Him on our behalf. Those in attendance may write the names of friends and family members and place them on the prayer table, so that their names are included in the prayers for health and healing.

On the 6th of August, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy commemorating the miracle of the Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.



Bible Study

Lay Aside All Earthly Care

Sound familiar? Yes, it's our invitation each week to leave this world and its cares behind as we ascend to the kingdom in order to celebrate the marriage feast.



This is another invitation to lay aside all earthly care and study God's Word together. Bible study classes will begin in September. Possible meeting times will be Monday evening,

Tuesday or Friday morning. I'll consider all feedback from those interested as I truly want to hear from you. All are welcome and encouraged to attend whether a seasoned student of scripture or a 'newbie'. Please respond to: Elizabeth Martell, 623-221-2901 or nemsemail@gmail .com

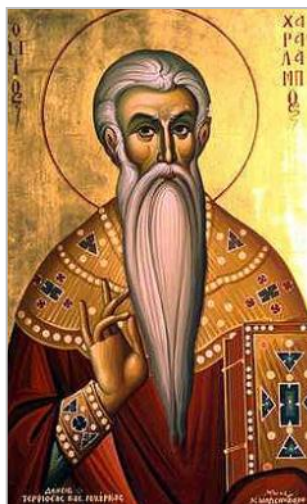
More details to come. Watch the Sunday bulletin.

Food for thought - In the Revelation to John, chapter 2, verse 4, the church at Ephesus is charged with leaving their 'first love'. Where do WE stand? Do our hearts "burn within us" as the traveler's response on the road to Emmaus, or can we declare with the Psalmist, "as the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs for You, O God?"

Parish 30th Anniversary

2017 marks the 30th anniversary of Saint Haralambos Church! Events are being planned for a wonderful celebration.

All parish families are invited to be photographed, at no cost, to be included in the 30th anniversary parish directory. Photo sessions will be in early December; sign-ups will be available soon!



Feeding the Hungry

Reminder

Please bring in canned food and/or food donations for the food bank. Donation Box is located by the social hall.





Teachings and Traditions of Orthodox Christianity

Every year since being assigned to serve St. Haralambos Church in 1994, I have presented a series of classes on the teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity. My goal has been to expose to as many as possible - parishioners, friends and neighbors - the beauty, richness and sacred treasures of our Faith.

I've enjoyed each and every class, and look forward to beginning again in September; but, this year, I'm getting some help. Rather than delivering all of the information myself, I will be assisted by Elizabeth Martell, Dennis Georgen, Peter Vardalos, Tim Harvey and Elizabeth Rodriguez, each of whom will be making evening presentations on various topics.

We'll be presenting a program called, The Way, an Introduction to the Teachings of Orthodox Christianity, on Wednesday evenings beginning Sep. 14 at 6 pm. The 12-week program was produced by the Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, under the direction of His Grace Bishop Kallistos Ware, one of the most prolific and well-known authors and lectures on Orthodox Christianity.

If you've ever wanted to learn more about Orthodox Christianity in an informal and enjoyable format (there are no dumb questions!), this class is for you. I strongly encourage you to complete the Registration Form (page 5) and return it to the church office. We need to know how many to prepare dinner for (yes, each class begins with dinner!) and to prepare enough copies of the class handouts.

Following the presentation of the evening topic, there will be small group discussions to review the material. Afterwards there will be time for Questions and Answers by a panel of local Orthodox clergy.

With the unbelievable number of different Christian denominations today, many with very different interpretations of the Bible, many with very different forms of Sunday worship, and many that question (among many others) iconography, infant baptism and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the need to understand the ancient and consistent teachings of the Orthodox Christian Church has never been greater.

The class is called, THE WAY, probably the earliest term by which the followers of Jesus Christ referred to themselves. Jesus said "*I am the way, the truth and the life*" (John 14.6). Saint Paul said "*I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way*" (Acts 24.14).

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Read through the Registration Form (page 5) and take advantage of the couples and early registration discount!

Whether you're new to the Faith or have been an active member of the Church your entire life, it's never too late to learn something new, or gain a better understanding of something we thought we knew all along!



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Rev. Michael Pallad

Sunday Worship

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

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Hours

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Parish Council

Marina Finch
Dennis Georgen
Kathie Harvey

Russ Skocypec

Birthdays



Al Cuccorelli (2)
Gianna Selles (2)
Irene Nathanson (4)
Dorothy Ayan (5)
Daniel Martin, Jr. (6)
Phillip Bell (7)
Georgia Savaidis (7)
Brylee Kauble (9)
Pierce Retsinas (11)
Aphrodite Devolites (14)
Tania Ballas (15)
Sue Charbel (17)
Jean Dal Pan (17)
Alexis Tremoulis (17)
Thalia Christian (18)
Fr. Michael Pallad (18)
John Dal Pan (22)
Michael Fulghum (22)
Anna Yacyshyn (22)
Brianna Kauble (23)
Kara Martin (23)
Nancy Birk (24)
Parker Rosekrans (24)
Edmund Wood (24)
Evanthia Vardalos (25)
Val Danos (27)
Keegan Kelly (30)
Elizabeth Mancini (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.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my love and appreciation for all of you. Your prayers, phone calls and cards helped me get through a very serious illness, which I have no doubt is the reason I am still here. A

special thank you to Father Michael and Zoe Dress for filling in for me in the office. I am now back at work and grateful to be here.

Love to all, Frosene Bravos

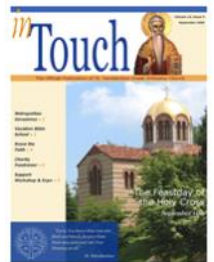
In Touch Newsletter Distribution

The In Touch monthly newsletter is available on our parish website (StHaralambos.org). The link to the In Touch web page will be posted on the weekly eBulletin.

StHaralambos@QwestOffice.net.

For those without internet access, please call the Church office to make other arrangements for your copy of the newsletter.

Please send any email address changes to the church office at



Name Days

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

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)

The Way, An Introduction to the Orthodox Christian Faith

Please join us for this wonderful 12-week program, beginning Wednesday, September 14 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Room. Each evening will begin with dinner, followed by the topic of the evening, small group discussion and ending with a Question and Answer session.

Evening Agenda

Dinner 6pm – 6:30pm

Presentation: 6:45 – 7:30pm

Small Group Discussion: 7:30pm – 8pm

Question and Answer panel: 8pm – 8:30pm

Registration Fee

Received by September 1: \$50/person; \$80/couple

Received after September 1: \$60/person; \$100/couple

Wednesday Evenings

1. Sep. 14: The Search for Faith
2. Sep. 21: God the Holy Trinity
3. Sep. 28: Being Human: Fully Alive
4. Oct. 5: Why Did Jesus Come to Us?
5. Oct. 12: Salvation in Christ
6. Oct. 19: The Holy Spirit
7. Oct. 26: What on Earth is the Church?
8. Nov. 2: Living the Faith: The Divine Liturgy
9. Nov. 9: Living the Faith: The Holy Mysteries
10. Nov. 16: Living the Faith: The Bible, Prayer and Fasting
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Break
11. Nov. 30: Living the Faith: Christian Behavior
12. Dec. 7: Heaven on Earth: Members of the Church and Citizens of Heaven

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Payment Method

Check (payable to Saint Haralambos Church) enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card (Available Sundays during Coffee Hour)

Mail Registration Forms to St. Haralambos Church, 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., Peoria, Arizona 85383



Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Peoria, Arizona

2016 Youth Family Registration Form

For families with children in Nursery – High School

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, Physical 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

Please return to the Church office or email to StHaralambos@qwestoffice.net

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Office of Supplication	2	3 7:00pm Office of Supplication	4	5 7:00pm Great Vespers	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy Transfiguration of Christ
7 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	8 7:00pm Office of Supplication	9 7:00pm Parish Council	10 7:00pm Office of Supplication	11	12 7:00pm Office of Supplication	13
14 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Vespers (Assumption Church, Scottsdale)	15 9:00am Divine Liturgy Dormition of the Theotokos	16	17	18	19	20
21 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy IOCC Offering	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	29 9:00am Divine Liturgy Beheading of John the Baptist	30	31			