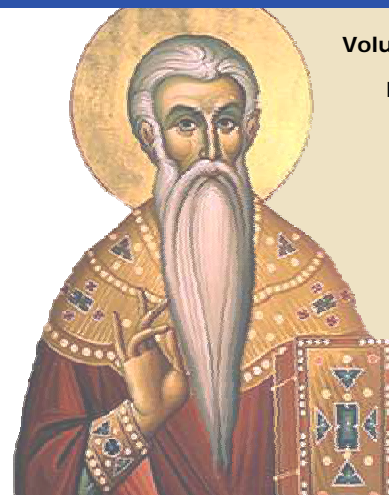


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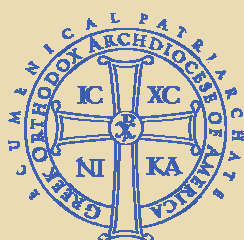
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Saint Haralambos Patron Saint of our Parish

Feastday



Sunday, February 10

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





Our Patron Saint

February is the month when we celebrate the memory of the patron saint of our parish: St. Haralambos, the holy priest-martyr. As members of this church community, we should all make it a point, first of all, to learn to pronounce the name of our patron saint correctly. It may be a bit difficult at first, as it was for me, but with practice - and patience - the name Haralambos can easily run off anyone's tongue. Here is an aid to proper pronunciation: say the word "particular." It has the same number of syllables with the same accent pattern as Haralambos. Say "particular" and then "Haralambos" several times. Just for the month of February, please give it a try. His name should be said easily and correctly by all of us!

Why do Orthodox Church communities take the name of a saint? What is the meaning of a patron (or matron for females) saint? The short answer (always appropriate for church newsletters) is that the patron saint is a special intercessor, one who offers prayers, for the well-being of the parish. There is typically a vote among parishioners who decide the patron saint of their church, and

the choices are usually among saints who hold special meaning for certain members of the parish. There are exceptions, even among some of our sister parishes: Holy Trinity in Phoenix and Church of the Assumption in Scottsdale, whose parishes are named not after a saint, but a doctrinal statement of faith (Holy Trinity) or a sacred event (Assumption).

In each case, a special relationship develops over time between a parish and its name because Orthodox parishes celebrate their nameday (feastday) at some time during the year, either on the date of the martyrdom of its patron saint (February 10 for St. Haralambos) on Monday after Pentecost (feastday of the Holy Trinity) or August 15 (Assumption or Repose of the Theotokos). It is during these parish feastdays when sermons are preached on the life of the patron saint, or on the meaning of the name of the parish.

When children are baptized (adults as well), they receive the name of a patron saint at their baptism. Just as a parish develops a spiritual bond with its patron saint, we should also know who our personal patron saint is, learn their life story, ask for their

prayers and protection, and develop a closer spiritual relationship with them. As a child, we had no say in the selection of our patron saint, but we do have a say in wanting to learn their life story, and developing a close, spiritual relationship with them.

Unfortunately, this isn't always the case; for unknown reasons, some children did not receive a patron saint at their baptism. This doesn't have to mean a lifetime without a patron saint! We read that St. Nicholas, for example, is the patron saint of travelers, that St. Panteleimon is the patron saint of doctors. Many saints in the Church have, through the grace of God and fervent prayers, been involved with stories of miraculous healings, protection and renewed faith. It would be perfectly acceptable for someone who was not given the name of a patron saint at their baptism to develop a "patron-saint" relationship later in life under these circumstances.

Each time we ask for the prayers of our patron saint, we honor their memory; each time we celebrate

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**St. Haralambos
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Sunday Worship

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

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Feastday Luncheon

Everyone is invited to our parish feastday luncheon on Sunday, February 10th. Enjoy fellowship and a meal together in celebration of our parish feastday. Tickets available after church on Sunday: \$10 for adults; \$5 for children.

Name Days

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

St. Agathi (5th)
St. Theodore Stratelates (8th)
St. Haralambos (10th)
St. Theodora the Empress (11th)
St. Zacharias (11th)
St. Christos the Gardener (12th)
St. Meletios (12th)
SS. Aquila and Priscilla (13th)
St. Theodore (17th)
St. Agapetos (18th)
St. Evstathios (21st)
St. Photini (26th)
St. Kyranna (29th)

The Situation

By Dennis Georgen, President, Parish Council

Recently, I was in Chicago for a training session on Situational Leadership. Unfortunately, even though I was there for an entire week, I never made it to Greektown. Too busy with class and homework!

Situational Leadership is a theory based on the work of Paul Hersey and Ken Blanchard. Simply stated, apply the right leadership style to the development level of the employee, with the purpose of making the individual a self-reliant achiever.

“Commitment” in the Situational Leadership model is based on Motivation and Confidence. Competence refers to Knowledge and Skills.

- D1 Enthusiastic Beginner – Low Competence and High Commitment
- D2 Disillusioned Learner – Lower Competence and Lower Commitment
- D3 Capable but Cautious – High Competence and Variable Commitment
- D4 Self-Reliant Achiever – High Competence and High Commitment

While on the plane flying back to Phoenix, I was contemplating the theory and wondering how it might be abstracted to describe Stewardship.

It is important for us to understand the nature of “Church.” It is about all of us, collectively, as the “ecclesia” doing the work of the Lord. The work we do in his vineyard isn’t necessarily easy, and it doesn’t come for free, but it IS HIGHLY REWARDING! Not only does it give our life meaning today; in doing His work, we are storing up treasures in Heaven. We become “Faithful Achievers!”

Your Parish of St. Haralambos doesn’t come for free either. Our revised 2013 budget calls for operating expenses to total \$287,000.

The largest component of our income is Stewardship, which is projected at \$115,000. In addition to some other sources, large components of income include the sale of our former property (\$40,000), leasing of the cell tower (\$12,000), and the Festival, which last year netted \$41,000.

One does not need to be a CPA to recognize that our expenses, which are rising, are projected to exceed our income by a significant amount. Fortunately, it is still early in the year and we have plenty of opportunity to close the gap in a number of ways.

1. Reach out to a number of individuals who are not currently Stewards.

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Clergy Column

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their feastday with the divine liturgy, we honor their memory. This is why we come together and celebrate Evening Vespers and Divine Liturgy each February 9 and 10, to honor the memory of the patron saint of our parish.

The centuries-old practice of patron saints – for people and for churches – is

another way for us as individuals and church communities to develop a closer relationship with Christ our Lord. Every patron saint throughout history, however, would quickly offer this word of caution for us today: sainthood, the goal for every Christian, is not found by following after the life of any man, but by following after the life of Christ, the Giver of Life.

Philoptochos

By Reni Milonas, President

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

February 2nd is the 5th Annual Agape Ball, a fundraiser for Kids & Cancer Camp Agape. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Community Center. The Kids and Cancer Camp Agape program offers an all-expenses-paid summer camp experience for cancer-afflicted children and their families from less fortunate homes. At camp, families enjoy four carefree summer days away from the sights and sounds of doctor's offices, labs, and hospitals where they spend so much of their young lives. This year the camp will be held at Chancy Ranch in Mayer, Arizona on from May 30 through June 2. Camps are supported 100% through fundraising efforts.

Feb. 3: **Wear Red** to support the American Heart Association's Go Red For

Women® movement, working to save women's lives from their No. 1 killer, heart disease.

Feb. 17: Old Fashion Bake Sale. Please bake and package your brownies, cookies, and cakes to sell. Proceeds will benefit the Philoptochos philanthropic commitments.

We will continue to collect diapers for the Homeward Bound Diaper Drive. Homeward Bound provides transitional housing and comprehensive social services to families with children fleeing domestic violence and/or homelessness. Please bring in a package of diapers for this worthy cause.

♥ Next meeting is Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

Philoptochos membership is due this month:

National dues: \$15.00

Metropolis dues: \$10.00

St. Anna's dues: \$10.00

(They are payable in one check.)



The Situation

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2. Explore options available for various fundraising activities.
3. Consider options to reduce expenses in the current environment
4. Seek specified donations for needed capital improvements. (i.e. seal parking lot)
5. Review Parish Festival operations to maximize our profit-making opportunity.

Undoubtedly, you are already wondering what you can do. In each and every one of these ways there is an opportunity for you to jump in, assist, lead, or participate to enable our Parish to proactively address the budget before it

becomes a crisis.

So, what kind of "Situational" Steward are you?

- D1 Enthusiastic New Believer – Don't know how to help, but ready to jump in
- D2 Disillusioned Steward – Frustrated with the Church and looking for a way to make your life more meaningful
- D3 Faithful but Absent – Faithful, but absent too often and know that you need to get more involved.
- D4 Faithful Achiever - Committed, able to lead and ready to help.

Get involved, become a Faithful Achiever and store up for yourself treasures in Heaven.

ORGANIZATIONS

Birthdays



Christina Harris (1)
 Kalliope Chafoulis (4)
 Koula Ratliff (5)
 Kenneth Wrona (9)
 Esther Lampropoulos (11)
 Kerri Stamas (11)
 Peter Vardalos (11)
 David Solomon (13)
 Chris Birtsas (14)
 Giorgio Thomas (14)
 Emil Sprintz (17)
 Dennis Georgen (24)
 Solomon Tesfay (24)
 Timothy Harvey (25)
 Robert Kinniburgh (25)
 Mary Manos (26)
 Elizabeth Baxter (28)

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.

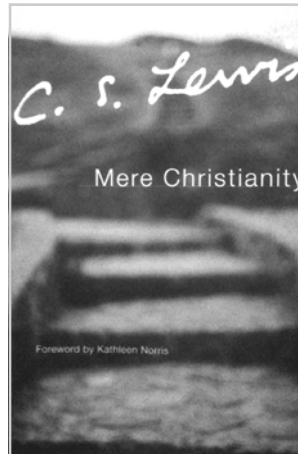
St. Christopher's Bookstore

If you want to affirm your Christian faith and be reminded of its basic teachings and beliefs, then **Mere Christianity** by C. S. Lewis is a book you will definitely want to read. In it "Lewis betrays a deep faith in the power of the human imagination to reveal the truth about our condition and bring us to hope."

Author C.S. Lewis writes from a layman's experience. Interestingly, he was a former atheist, yet his book is a convincing and powerful argument for Christian living. "The Christianity Lewis espouses is humane, but not easy: it asks us to recognize that the great religious struggle is not fought on a spectacular battleground, but within the ordinary human heart, when every morning we awake and feel the pressures of the day crowding in on us, and we must decide what sort of immortals we wish to be."

Originally delivered as a series of wartime broadcasts from 1942-1944, **Mere Christianity** describes with genius and wit

what Christians believe and the problems of pain and suffering. The book is written in four parts, the first being the meaning of the universe. Lewis states that there is a Moral Law or The Law of Human Nature, which is about right and wrong, and that "this is a real law that we did not invent and that we know we should obey."



Book Two deals with what Christians believe and it delves into the topics of repentance and the meaning of the second coming. Book Three describes Christian behavior; sexual morality and Christian marriage are covered as are the topics of forgiveness and charity. The last book is about the first steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity.

Mere Christianity is the featured novel for February's St. Haralambos Book Club. All are invited Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. to share their impressions and discuss how C.S. Lewis' book has impacted them. Come to support this ministry, to expand your faith, and engage in fellowship.

Bible Study and Book Club

Schedule for early 2013

All of the Book Club and Bible Studies will meet at the church at 7 pm.

February

Thursday Feb. 7, Bible Study

Thursday Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, no session

Thursday Feb. 21, Book Club, **Mere Christianity** by C. S. Lewis

Thursday Feb. 28, Bible Study

March

Thursday Mar. 7, Bible Study

Thursday Mar. 14, Bible Study

After Mar. 14, the Thursday Bible Study group will be suspended; Fr. Michael will be holding classes on the meaning and benefits of Great Lent, in addition to a special Young Adult Lent study group on Sunday afternoons.

Sunday School

By Martha Stithem, Sunday School Director & Teacher

This month, our Sunday School students in grades 7-12 continue to prepare for the upcoming St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival in the spring. Our 4-6 graders are

encouraged to participate at the parish level. Participation at either one of these grade levels is a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow in their Orthodox faith.

In preparation for Lent this year, the Triodion Period begins on Sunday,

Feb. 24. Here is a link to our archdiocese website for resources about the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee: <http://lent.goarch.org/publicanpharisee/learn/>. This article includes an introduction to the Triodion, a biblical story, an icon with explanations, hymns, and prayers.

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society, #4052 Of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

Membership 2013

Philoptochos which means "Friends of the Poor" is the second largest women's philanthropic organization in the world and was established in 1931 by the late Patriarch Athenagoras I. We embody the principles of our Orthodox faith while offering support, encouragement and assistance with dignity and respect to the poor, the sick and the elderly. Philoptochos is a volunteer organization and supports many churches and charitable projects locally and nationally. Full Membership – Women of the Orthodox faith at least 18 years of age shall be eligible for full Membership.

___ **Active Membership** – Taking part in meeting, committees, planning, preparations and executive activities. Four meetings a year are required to hold a Board position.

___ **Supportive Member** – Supports the work of Philoptochos and its programs through yearly dues but do not have the time to attend meetings.

___ **Associate Member** – A non-Orthodox woman may attend all general meetings of the chapter, be an active participant in all functions and committees excluding the right to vote or hold office.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Areas of Interest, Talent, etc: _____

Your \$35 check will contribute:
\$15 to the National Philoptochos Society
\$10 to the Metropolis Philoptochos Society
\$10 to St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

Please return form with payment to Voula Dodd, Membership Chairwoman or Reni Milonas, President.

ORGANIZATIONS

Treasurer's Report

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2012

	Jan - Dec 12	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3010 · STEWARDSHIP	117,065.83	114,000.00	102.7%
3020 · CANDLES	11,488.00	11,000.00	104.4%
3030 · TRAY	6,896.00	8,000.00	86.2%
3040 · BOOKSTORE	1,606.00		
3080 · DONATIONS	3,320.00		
3100 · SERVICES	486.00		
3110 · PASCHA	2,948.00	3,600.00	81.9%
3120 · CHRISTMAS-	2,425.00	5,500.00	44.1%
3200 · CHARITIES	1,739.07		
3300 · EDUCATION	1,325.00		
Total Income	149,298.90	142,100.00	105.1%
Expense			
4000 · .MINISTRY .	91,167.17	82,480.00	110.5%
4010 · MINISTRY OTHER	6,213.23	3,000.00	207.1%
4050 · OFFICE PAYROLL	11,152.00	12,000.00	92.9%
4100 · CHURCH ASSESSMENTS	30,600.00	25,000.00	122.4%
4150 · BUSINESS ASSESSMENTS	275.00	300.00	91.7%
4180 · OUTREACH	698.28	1,000.00	69.8%
4200 · OFFICE	9,162.30	9,000.00	101.8%
4300 · UTILITIES	16,648.46	16,000.00	104.0%
4400 · FACILITY	9,652.76	12,000.00	80.4%
4445 · Paper goods	375.68		
4500 · RELIGIOUS	920.07	1,100.00	83.6%
4600 · MORTGAGE	71,286.68	93,500.00	76.2%
4800 · ACCOUNTING	115.00	2,200.00	5.2%
4900 · INSURANCE	4,970.00	4,800.00	103.5%
4950 · CHOIR	4,616.04	5,000.00	92.3%
5020 · CANDLE	1,559.43	2,000.00	78.0%
5040 · .BOOKSTORE	1,696.04		
5060 · SUNDAY SCHOOL-	0.00	400.00	0.0%
5110 · PASCHA-	473.79	400.00	118.4%
5120 · CHRISTMAS	191.52	450.00	42.6%
5150 · FEAST DAY - HOLIDAY - EVENT	22.84	100.00	22.8%
5200 · CHARITIES-	7,662.93	4,000.00	191.6%
5300 · EDUCATIONAL	285.70	1,500.00	19.0%
5800 · BANKING	108.24	500.00	21.6%
5850 · PARISH PAY	664.32	500.00	132.9%
Total Expense	270,515.48	277,230.00	97.6%
Net Ordinary Income	-121,216.58	-135,130.00	89.7%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
6000 · BUILDING FUND.	13,967.02	25,000.00	55.9%
6100 · MEMORIALS	1,520.00		
6200 · ST. MARY'S	39,856.92	39,900.00	99.9%
6300 · BANKING-	452.16		
6400 · RENTAL-	12,111.63	13,000.00	93.2%
6500 · SPECIFIED DONATIONS	4,679.97		
6600 · FUND RAISERS	2,290.00		
6605 · 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER	7,500.00		
6700 · FESTIVAL -	92,703.50	88,000.00	105.3%
Total Other Income	175,081.20	165,900.00	105.5%
Other Expense			
7100 · GREENWAY PROPERTY	400.00	450.00	88.9%
7500 · CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,186.11		
7600 · FUNDRAISER	1,863.92		
7610 · Anniversary Dinner	5,340.83		
7700 · FESTIVAL-	49,329.95	47,000.00	105.0%
Total Other Expense	63,120.81	47,450.00	133.0%
Net Other Income	111,960.39	118,450.00	94.5%
Net Income	-9,256.19	-16,680.00	55.5%

This report shows a complete picture of our financial state for 2012. Please take note that a \$10,000 donation from Abrazo Health Care in 6700 Festival Income may not exist in 2013. I also revised the budget to give you a more accurate projection for 2013. This is based on actual numbers over a 3 year trend and expense increases that have occurred since it was approved at the last General Assembly. If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please contact me at 602-548-9900.

Revised 2013 Budget January through December 2013

	Jan - Dec 13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
3010 · STEWARDSHIP	115,000.00
3020 · CANDLES	11,000.00
3030 · TRAY	7,000.00
3110 · PASCHA	3,000.00
3120 · CHRISTMAS-	2,500.00
Total Income	138,500.00
Expense	
4000 · .MINISTRY .	94,300.00
4010 · MINISTRY OTHER	4,000.00
4050 · OFFICE PAYROLL	12,000.00
4100 · CHURCH ASSESSMENTS	31,000.00
4150 · BUSINESS ASSESSMENTS	300.00
4180 · OUTREACH	1,000.00
4200 · OFFICE	9,000.00
4300 · UTILITIES	18,000.00
4400 · FACILITY	10,000.00
4500 · RELIGIOUS	1,000.00
4600 · MORTGAGE	84,000.00
4800 · ACCOUNTING	2,200.00
4900 · INSURANCE	5,000.00
4950 · CHOIR	5,000.00
5020 · CANDLE	1,500.00
5060 · SUNDAY SCHOOL-	400.00
5110 · PASCHA-	500.00
5120 · CHRISTMAS	500.00
5200 · CHARITIES-	6,000.00
5300 · EDUCATIONAL	1,000.00
5800 · BANKING	500.00
5850 · PARISH PAY	500.00
Total Expense	287,700.00
Net Ordinary Income	-149,200.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
6000 · BUILDING FUND.	14,000.00
6200 · ST. MARY'S	40,000.00
6400 · RENTAL-	12,000.00
6700 · FESTIVAL -	80,000.00
Total Other Income	146,000.00
Other Expense	
7700 · FESTIVAL-	47,000.00
Total Other Expense	47,000.00
Net Other Income	99,000.00
Net Income	-50,200.00

FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00am Divine Liturgy Presentation of Christ
3 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	4 7:00pm Philoptochos	5 7:00pm Men's Choir	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Photios	7 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	8	9 7:00pm Great Vespers Parish Feastday Reception following
10 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy St. Haralambos the Holy Priest-Martyr Parish Feastday Dinner	11 7:00pm Parish Council	12 7:00pm Men's Choir	13	14 7:00pm Choir	15	16 3:00pm Youth Group Picnic and Hike
17 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy IOCC Offering Tray	18	19 7:00pm Men's Choir	20	21 7:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Choir	22	23
24 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	25 7:00pm Executive Council	26 7:00pm Men's Choir	27	28 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir		

YOUTH GROUP

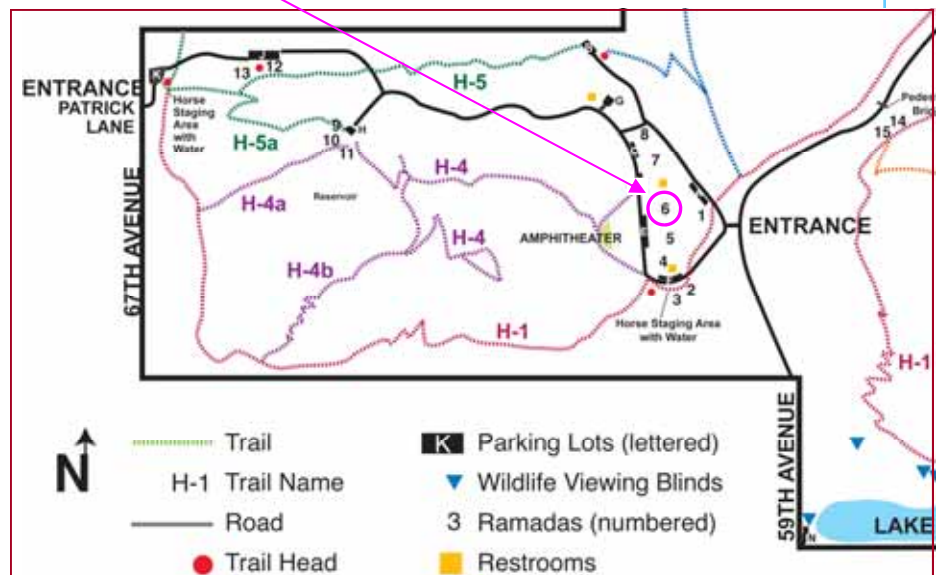


Our Youth Group had a meeting on Jan. 12 where we discussed making New Year's resolutions to God. The kids then wrote down one or two resolutions on hearts and we added them to our tree. Some kids resolved to read the bible, pray every day and come to more church services. Make sure you stop by the tree to see more of the wonderful resolutions our youth made. Our kids also learned more about St. Basil, and Helen Antonatos made a wonderful Vasilopita for us to enjoy. Congratulations to Irene Antonatos for finding the coin!

Thank you to all who contributed items and money for IOCC clean-up buckets. We were able to send two buckets filled to the top with items that were requested. We really appreciate your generosity!

We are really looking forward to our next activity, which will be on Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.. We will be meeting at Thunderbird Conservation Park at [Ramada #6](#). Our group will hike for an hour and then

will meet back at the ramada for a picnic. Youth Group will provide sub sandwiches and drinks. Please bring chips or a dessert to share with the group. Also, remember to bring a water bottle for hiking and wear appropriate shoes. Everyone from our parish is welcome to join us on our family hike and picnic. If you have any questions, contact Lindsay Vardalos at lvardalos@gmail.com or 623-975-2205.



Thunderbird Conservation Park