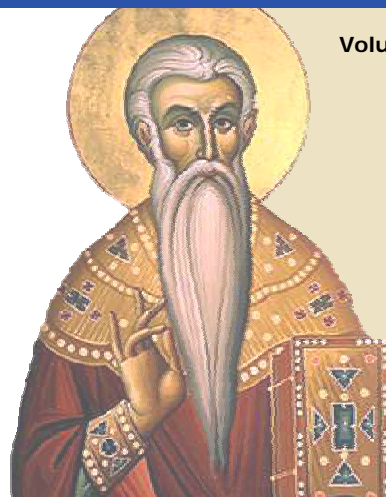


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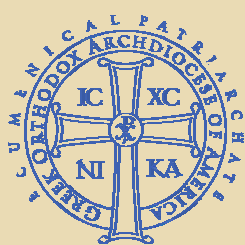
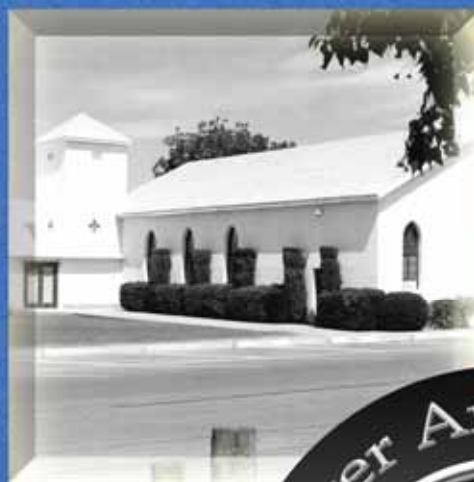
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Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos



St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

25th Anniversary

Save the Dates

Parishioners and friends of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church mark your calendars for these dates and events as we celebrate the feastday of our patron saint. Additionally, we'll celebrate and honor our 25th Anniversary as a parish.

Look for more details in upcoming weekly Sunday bulletins. Save the dates, mark your calendars and see you then!

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012

7 p.m. Great Vespers for the
Feast Day of St. Haralambos
Refreshments afterwards in
the Social Hall

Friday, Feb. 10, 2012

9 a.m. Divine Liturgy
celebrating the Feast Day of
St. Haralambos
Refreshments afterwards in
the Social Hall

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Parish 25th Anniversary and
Family Celebration
Social Hall

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012

9 a.m. Orthros
10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee hour and fellowship in
the Social Hall



A Year of Special Services and Feastdays

This will be a very special year for St. Haralambos Church, celebrating the 25th anniversary of our parish. The events are listed on the inside cover flyer, and promise to be fun and memorable for everyone. Make sure to keep looking through our monthly In Touch newsletter to stay informed on the various celebrations!

The new calendar year also begins with special services and feastdays, the first of which is Sunday, Jan. 1, celebrating the feastday of St. Basil the Great of Caesarea, a well-known and beloved saint who lived in the 4th century. The annual tradition of cutting the New Year's Vasilopita (or St. Basil's Bread), this year celebrated Sunday, Jan. 8, comes from a miraculous story about St. Basil and his continual care for the poor. The following traditional story of the Vasilopita is reprinted from the Antiochean Christian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America:

"One year, during a time of terrible famine, the emperor levied a sinfully excessive tax upon the people of Caesarea. The tax was such a heavy burden upon the already

impoverished people that, to avoid debtors' prison, each family had to relinquish its few remaining coins and pieces of jewelry, including precious family heirlooms.

Learning of this injustice upon his flock, St. Basil the Great, took up his bishop's staff and the book of the holy Gospels and came to his people's defense by fearlessly calling the emperor to repentance. By God's grace, the emperor did repent! He canceled the tax and instructed his tax collectors to turn over to St. Basil all of the chests containing the coins and jewelry which had been paid as taxes by the people of Caesarea.

But now St. Basil was faced with the daunting and impossible task of returning these thousands of coins and pieces of jewelry to their rightful owners. After praying for a long time before the icons of Christ and His All-Holy Mother, St. Basil had all the treasures baked into one huge pita. He then called all the townspeople to prayer at the cathedral, and, after Divine Liturgy, he blessed and cut the pita, giving a piece to each person. Miraculously, each owner received in his piece

of Vasilopita his own valuables.

They all joyfully returned home, giving thanks to God who had delivered them from abject poverty and to their good and holy bishop, St. Basil the Great. In remembrance of that miracle wrought by God as a result of St. Basil's love and defense of his people, Orthodox Christians have observed the tradition of the Vasilopita each year on January 1st-- the date on which St. Basil reposed in the Lord in the year 379."

Join in this year's Vasilopita Celebration on Sunday, Jan. 8!

Celebrated on the twelfth day of Christmas, Jan. 6, is the feastday of Epiphany, or the Baptism of our Lord. Following the Divine Liturgy, Holy Water is blessed and given to the faithful. A portion is also retained in the Church and is used to bless houses during the month of January. Please see the enclosed House Blessing flyer if you would like to have your house blessed this month.

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Rev. Michael Pallad

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Sunday Worship

September - May
Matins: 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

June - August
Matins: 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

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Dean Milonas

George Miller
Chris Theotocatos
Peter Vardalos
Lee Vordos
Ken Wrona

25th Anniversary

Parishioner Profile

Welcome to this special monthly column as part of this year's 25th Anniversary of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church. Each month we'll spend some time with a member of our parish to get their memories, views and insights about the history, development and future of our parish. This month's interview is with Roy Christian.

Question: How many years have you been a steward at St. Haralambos?

Answer: Since the beginning of the mission church. It was actually the second week after we purchased the church building in downtown Peoria. It was before we had a permanent parish priest and we had fill-in priests each Sunday.

Q: Where were you born and raised and what brought you to Arizona?

A: I was born in Michigan while my parents were visiting my mother's aunt. We actually lived in Georgia so we returned there after I was born. Afterwards, we moved to Arizona because my grandparents had settled here in the early 1940s.

Q: What activities and groups have you been involved in at St. Haralambos?

A: I served for many years on the Parish Council. In the beginning we helped with everything from collecting the offering to helping out in the office. I have also served as treasurer and helped run and operate the bank for the annual festival. I also sold ads to for the program booklet that was distributed at the banquet we had for naming the Church for St. Haralambos.

Q: What are some of your memories of the founding of the parish 25 years ago?

A: I was on the committee that was formed to get the items needed and accomplished to have us get our first parish priest. There were many of us that were instrumental as part of that committee and we did everything from getting the property ready and renovating the rental house next door to get that set up for living quarters for our first parish priest. We did a complete renovation of that house from the roof, to the windows to remodeling the interior to landscaping the grounds.



Our first parish priest was actually a retired priest, Fr. Stephen Kachur from Tucson. He served as an interim priest until we were assigned a permanent priest. Fr. Stephen would come from Tucson to Peoria every weekend in his motor home and park it across the street and be there for Sunday Divine Liturgy. My son Jimmy was one of the first altar boys.

I also was part of the Welcoming Committee to welcome Fr. George Patides as our first full-time assigned parish priest. I remember when Fr. George first arrived he stayed at the home of Bill and Sylvia Vasquez for the first few days.

Q: What would you like to see happen in the next 5-10 years of our parish?

A: I would like to see us grow to the point that a new and permanent Byzantine-style church building is built and we are able to use the present-day building as a social hall and classrooms. I think the growth will come as we see more children. I enjoy when I visit other churches and see the amount of children going up for Communion. We're getting there and I hope we continue to have more children and families build our parish.

Q: What legacy would you like today's parishioners to develop and leave for future generations during the next 25 years?

A: I think if you look at the last 25 years and our growth, I would like to see a stronger influence of our Orthodox presence in the West Valley. If we really continue to grow, it would be great to see a second Greek Orthodox Church serving the West Valley. The more presence we have in the West Valley, the more we are truly fulfilling our obligation to God to serve and spread our faith.

Q: Anything else you would like to share?

A: We can't forget where we came from. We are indebted to the people who started this parish from the beginning. The original founders and their love of the Church stand out in my mind. From the first day I came to the Orthodox Church, remember I was a Baptist before converting, I have felt like I have been here my whole life. So I think about the people that have been here and while we have lost some of them over the years, their influence and love of the Church were instrumental to getting us where we are today.

Parish Council Election Results

Congratulations to the following parishioners elected to serve on the Parish Council: Dennis Georgen, Dean Milonas (both re-elected), Chris Theotocatos, and Lee Vordos (new members). Their 3-year term begins Jan. 1. They will be joining Roy Christian (appointed), David Durgam, Demetri Gryparis, Mary Manos, George Miller, Peter Vardalos and Ken Wrona. One additional council member will be appointed by the new council to fill an opening due to a resignation.

We thank outgoing council members Angie Cholas, Mike Danielek, Katherine Tally and Ray Wysmierski for their dedicated service on the council.

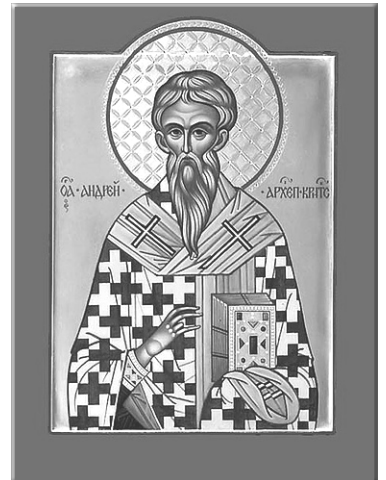
We look forward to continued progress and growth of our parish in the new year. Our parish council members are your elected parish leaders. Please feel free to contact any of them with constructive comments and suggestions for the betterment of our church community.

Great Lent & Holy Week Readers

English readers are needed to offer prayers for the Great Compline, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts and prayers at the Theotokos Akathist Services each week during Great Lent. Holy Week readers will offer prayers for services during our most Holy Week.

If you are curious or interested in participating in this ministry, come to our introductory meeting on Sunday January 21st in the library after Divine Liturgy.

Reading assignments are shared between all readers. You can read as often as we can accommodate and coordinate all of our readers. This Ministry is extremely rewarding; you are immersing yourselves in our Orthodox Faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to become engrossed in the most important, wondrous and awesome Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Christmas Holiday Donations



Thank you to all who gave so generously to provide the gifts requested from our Angel Tree, as well as providing the food boxes for twelve Peoria families who receive assistance through the Peoria Community Action Agency. Giving anonymously for the benefit of others truly falls under the category of laying up "treasure in heaven."

ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School

By Martha Stithem,
Sunday School Director
& Teacher

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8, following a two week break for Christmas and New Year's.

This month, Sunday School students in grades 7-12 will begin to prepare for the upcoming St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival in the spring. Participation in the Oratorical Festival is a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow in their Orthodox faith.

May all our parish families be blessed with a healthy and happy New Year!



Parish Council Corner

By Dennis Georgen, Parish Council President

Following the Divine Liturgy on Stewardship Sunday, Jeanette Hollander eloquently discussed the meaning of Stewardship with us.

In the past we may have thought about Stewardship in a narrower sense, perhaps simply that of writing a check. But Stewardship is not just about raising money. We want to think about Stewardship in the broader sense. Stewardship is a spiritual expression of faith and it's about salvation. OUR SALVATION. Stewardship is Thanksgiving; that is, offering of ourselves back to God as He offered Himself to us.

Through Stewardship, we, the faithful, are being called to willingly share the gifts that God has bestowed on us. Our God-given talents; our Spiritual Gifts. And that includes sharing these gifts, our time, our talent, and our treasure for doing God's work.

Those who were in attendance on Stewardship Sunday received their personalized 2012 Stewardship Commitment forms. If you were not in attendance you would have received yours in the mail by now. The form includes a

variety of ways that you can be involved in our Parish life. It is NOT an exhaustive list. If you have a passion for a Ministry that is not listed, please let us know and together we will make every effort to make it happen. The ways in which we can give back to God are unlimited!

At our November General Assembly, our Parish adopted a Mission Statement. **"We are a loving, Christ-centered community, whose mission is to keep, practice and proclaim our Orthodox Christian faith as a living presence to those around us."**

If we believe this to be our mission, ACTION IS REQUIRED! **"I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."** (2 Corinthians 9: 6-8)

Stewardship is what a person does after saying "I believe..." as proof of that belief. Please complete your 2012 Stewardship Commitment prayerfully. **"For where your treasure is (and your time and your talent), there your heart will be also."** (Matthew 6:19)

Wishing you a very Happy and Blessed New Year.

Youth Group

By Lindsay Vardalos and Chrissy King

The Youth Group had a wonderful time at the Philoptochos Christmas party on Dec. 5. We had a good number of attendees and the kids and parents alike had a great time! We want to extend a big thank-you to the Philoptochos women who made this such a wonderful event. Thank you for including us at the party and for the wonderful gifts you gave to

each child—the kids loved their etched M & M jars!

Our next Youth Event will be held on Monday, Jan. 16 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have a fun event planned! The kids will be learning about icons by making their own, which Father Michael will then bless before the kids take them home.

Philoptochos

By Reni Milonas, President

May the Lord bless you and your families in the New Year with good health, joy, strength, and peace.

Each year on the first day of the New Year, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Basil the Great. In honor of this feast, the Philoptochos Society focuses on the Academy of Saint Basil, which is the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need that resides in Garrison, New York. It is at the Academy where they are educated and practice their Greek Orthodox Faith each and every day. The children are embraced spiritually and emotionally at the Academy and during the day, they attend excellent schools that offer the best in academic and extracurricular programs.

On Jan. 8, the Philoptochos will host a Vasilopita sale; the proceeds are the main source of funding for the operating expenses of the Academy. I humbly ask

you to support the Vasilopita Fund where the beneficiaries are the children at the Academy.

Philoptochos membership is due this month.

- National dues: \$15
- Metropolis dues: \$10

Next meeting is Jan. 9 at 7 pm

January National Commitments Saint Basil Academy

- Amount: All proceeds of Vasilopita event

Social Services

- Provides outreach, support, and financial assistance to those in need
- Amount: \$350 from Chapter Treasury

Cancer Fund

- Raises funds for individuals who need financial assistance with cancer treatment
- Amount: \$250 from Chapter Treasury

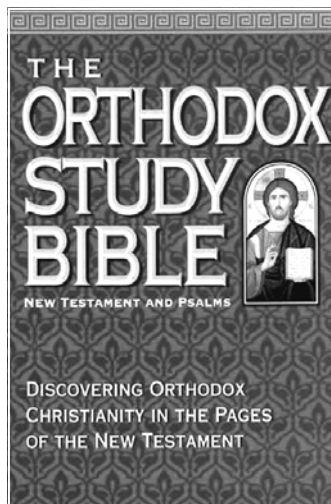


Orthodox Study Group

By Ted Manos

The Orthodox Bible Study Group has been meeting for the past two months. We have been exploring the Gospel of John and have had many good discussions.

All are welcome to join us, including young adults and high school students. The group is designed such that one could enter on any day and get something out of the discussions. Please feel free to join us. We will be starting again on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 pm at the church. There will be weekly meetings planned after that. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the following: 623-698-6078 or tedmanos@zona.net



Church Maintenance

All hands on deck

Church maintenance/cleaning day, Saturday Jan. 7, 10 am following Divine Liturgy.

Please participate in helping us put away Christmas decoration, along with other items that need addressing.

Thank you,
Your Parish Council



Volunteer Ministry

If you enjoy reading the latest news on doctrine and ideology, have a deep love of Greek Orthodoxy and for St. Haralambos Church, you may be interested in the recently opened volunteer position of Bookstore Manager at our church. This ministry is sure to be a fulfilling and meaningful experience.

Management responsibilities include the following:

1. Order books, texts, icons and Orthodox accessory items for the bookstore;

2. Upon receipt of book orders from providers, review invoice(s) for completeness, accuracy and payment;
3. Inventory all items in bookstore once per year;
4. Manage set-up and preparation of bookstore booth for our annual "Taste of Greece" Festival.

Don't worry about having to learn the ropes on your own; the current manager will assist the new manager during the transition prior to Great Lent 2012.

Soul Food

A new years resolution, Maturing in Christ

To be mature in Christ means in its negative aspect to put away childish things: self-centeredness, insistence on having one's own way, anger, blaming others, envy, jealousy. To be a mature Christian in its positive aspect means to become more and more like Christ. Merely growing up is not enough. We are to grow up into something that is perfectly mature, and that for us Christians, is Christ. "Be ye perfect as I am perfect," said Jesus. Lecomte du Nouy, the French physicist, once wrote, "The perfect man is not a myth: he has lived in Christ." To be mature is to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit more and more like unto that perfect man: Jesus. "That you may grow up in all things into Him who is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). To be mature in Christ is part of what it means to be spiritual. It is a life-long task that is accomplished by the Holy Spirit through daily repentance.

The person who is mature in Christ is not the person who goes through life expecting to receive love, like a child, but the person who gives love. The person

who is mature in Christ is the person who understands, who forgives, who accepts responsibility for his failures, who disciplines himself, who is humble, realizing that without God he is nothing.

St. Paul singles out love as the most important ingredient of maturity and spirituality when he writes to the Colossians: "Above all put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." It is when we allow the Trinity to come and live in us that we can achieve this kind of Godly maturity in our lives. This is what it means to be spiritual: to keep growing in Christ.



St. Christopher's Bookstore

Life's Fiery Furnaces: God's Compassionate Love, Strength and Peace for Those Who Suffer

Coniaris, Rev. Anthony M.

86 pages, 2010

Many of us have questioned why a loving God allows so much tribulation in our lives, especially if we or loved ones have suffered much pain. This book answers this question.

Fr. Coniaris chooses his title from the Old Testament story of three young men who were thrown into a fiery furnace because they would not compromise their faith, worshipping the one true God instead a golden image.

The author asks, "What is your furnace of blazing fire?" Depression? Overwhelming stress? Loneliness? Sickness? Grief? Like the youths, we may be cast into a fiery furnace, but we are not consumed. None of us is alone if we "believe in the God whose name is Emmanuel: God is with us." Knowing that the Lord is walking "through fire" with us brings us comfort as well as strength. He will never abandon us.

Suffering is God's instrument of salvation to make us strong in the Lord and lead us to life everlasting. "We must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22).

St. Paul discovered that his weakness made him lean more on God's strength, to trust, not in himself *but in God who can raise the dead* (2 Cor 1:8-9).

"Where did Jesus get His incredible calm and courage [before His suffering]? Answer: He prayed. Why did the Apostles fail so abysmally? Answer: They slept while Jesus was praying. **God**

can be present in [our] extreme need. He is always just a prayer away. Burdens that seem too heavy to bear are lifted away on the wings of prayer, the Eucharist, repentance, and the Holy Spirit." *The Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles* (Is: 40:31).

A college student complained to the chaplain, "Sir, religion is a crutch!" "Sure it is," said the Chaplain. "God is my crutch! What is yours? Alcohol? Drugs? Sex?" Divine energy, God's power, "will never run out or run down," says Fr. Coniaris.

Our adversities drive us closer to God so that we will live "under [the] circumstance of God's love and mercy, His power and grace." This enables us to "rise above all the other circumstances of life."

"The physical ailments that afflict us [are] warning us that we were not created for this life but for an eternal home in God's presence." *So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you* (John 16: 20-22).

One section of the book is a collection of specific Bible verses for when life's burdens become too great for us; when we are filled with anxiety, sorrow or despair; when our conscience is racked with guilt; or when we are suffering with pain. However, one verse seems helpful in all adverse situations: *I can do all things in Him who strengthens me* (Phil. 4:13).



Birthdays



Christine Hollander (2)
 Gary Nicholas, Sr. (3)
 Constantine Danos (4)
 Spero Pagos (5)
 Ron Dutton (7)
 Bella Danos (11)
 Peter Stamas (11)
 Judy Farr (12)
 Tony Papamatheakis (13)
 Philemon Russom (13)
 Elaine Giannias-Winn (14)
 Georgia Pikoula (20)
 Scott Farr (27)
 Ocbai Tesfay (27)
 Catherine Baxter (28)
 Michael Danielek (29)
 Mary Wymierski (29)
 Frosene Bravos (31)
 Reni Milonas (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.

Sacraments

Congratulations and God's blessings to the following new members who were recently received into the Orthodox Church, both of whom took the Introduction to Orthodox Christianity classes this past Fall:

Jeff Sokol, who was Baptized on Saturday, December 3rd. Jeff's patron saint is John (the Baptist), and his Godfather is Nick Milonas.

Russell Zook, who was Chrismated on Sunday, December 4th. Russell's patron saint is Nicholas, and his Godfather is Dennis Georgen.

May God grant them many years of good health and happiness.

Memory Eternal

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of Roberta Szklarski who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 20. Roberta was a long-time member of St. Haralambos Church, active with the youth, the Philoptochos and serving on the parish council and as Stewardship Chairman. We extend our deepest sympathies to her husband Donald, son Christopher, and the entire family. May her memory be eternal.

Clergy Column

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Select your preferred date and return the flyer to the church by fax, US mail or in person.

Other saints commemorated with Divine Liturgy in January include St. John the Baptist on Jan. 7, and the Three Great Hierarchs on Jan. 30. (Divine Liturgy for the feastday of St. Anthony, Jan. 17, will not be celebrated this year due to the

scheduling of the Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly at St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, California.)

May the celebration of our 25th anniversary serve as another opportunity to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on our community, and to re-dedicate our lives to serving Christ through the ministries of His holy Church.

Name Days

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

St. Basil (1st)	St. Mark (19th)
Epiphany (6th)	St. Euthymios (20th)
St. Gregory (10th)	St. Timothy (22nd)
St. Tatiani (12th)	St. Xenia (24th)
St. Anthony (17th)	St. Gregory (25th)
St. Athanasios (18th)	St. Ephraim (28th)

House Blessings

Start the New Year with a special family event, according to the traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church, asking God's blessings for your home and your family!

Please complete the form below to indicate your preferred date and schedule your house blessing. Mail the form to the church office, or bring it with you to church on Sunday. You will be contacted by our secretary to confirm your day and time.



House Blessing Request Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE

Zone 1: South of Peoria Ave. and West of 83rd Ave.

_____ Sunday, January 8 _____ Wednesday, January 11
_____ Thursday, January 19 _____ Tuesday, January 24

Zone 2: North of Peoria Ave. and West of 83rd Ave.

_____ Saturday, January 7 _____ Thursday, January 12
_____ Wednesday, January 25 _____ Sunday, January 29

Zone 3: North of Peoria Ave. and East of 83rd Ave.

_____ Monday, January 9 _____ Saturday, January 14
_____ Sunday, January 22 _____ Thursday, January 26

Zone 4: South of Peoria Ave. and East of 83rd Ave.

_____ Tuesday, January 10 _____ Sunday, January 15
_____ Monday, January 23 _____ Saturday, January 28

Feast of the Holy Theophany of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.



Biblical Story

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: Matthew 3, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34.

John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the one who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11).

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness (3:15). John consented and baptized Jesus.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The Bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on him. When this happened, a voice came from

heaven and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ's baptism in the Jordan was "theophany," a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. It was also a "theophany" in that the world was granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father's testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son.

The theme of "manifestation" or "revelation" is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, "Christ has appeared and enlightened the world." Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Circumcision of the Lord St. Basil	2	3 11:00am Seniors Club Pan-Orthodox Clergy Retreat (California)	4 7:00pm Bible Study	5 9:00am Royal Hours of Epiphany 6:00pm Liturgy Eve of Epiphany	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy Theophany Blessing of the Waters	7 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. John the Baptist 10:00am Church Maintenance
8 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Vasilopita Sunday	9 7:00pm Philoptochos	10 7:00pm Parish Council	11 7:00pm Bible Study	12 7:00pm Choir	13	14 9:00am Seminar on Spiritual Gifts
15 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy IOCC Tray	16 Clergy-Laitly Assembly (California) 6:00 Youth Night	17 Clergy-Laitly Assembly	18 Metropolis Clergy Meeting (California) 7:00pm Bible Study	19 7:00pm Choir	20	21 9:00am Seminar on Spiritual Gifts
22 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Membership Tea	23	24 7:00pm Executive Council	25 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Gregory the Theologian 7:00pm Bible Study	26 7:00pm Choir	27	28 9:00am Seminar on Spiritual Gifts
29 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	30 9:00am Divine Liturgy The Three Hierarchs	31				



SPIRITUAL GIFTS Seminar

January 14, 21 and 28

*An opportunity for spiritual growth
and direction in life, according to
God's design and purpose.*

Many people go through life without realizing their God-given potential, reducing their purpose in life to finding a job to pay their bills. God calls us to a much more exciting and fulfilling life! And He equips us with gifts and talents to help enrich our life by using these gifts in a variety of ways. Here is an opportunity to begin discovering God's plan for a fulfilling life.

The Seminar on Spiritual Gifts is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 14, 21 and 28 from 9 am to 11 am. The seminar, including the workbook, all materials and refreshments, is just \$25 per person. Please return the registration form below, together with payment (checks made payable to St. Haralambos Church) to the church office by Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012.

Seminar on Spiritual Gifts

January 14, 21 and 28
9 am – 11 am

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

_____ I am enclosing the Registration fee of \$25 per person, payable to St. Haralambos Church.

Please return this registration form before Jan. 4, 2012.