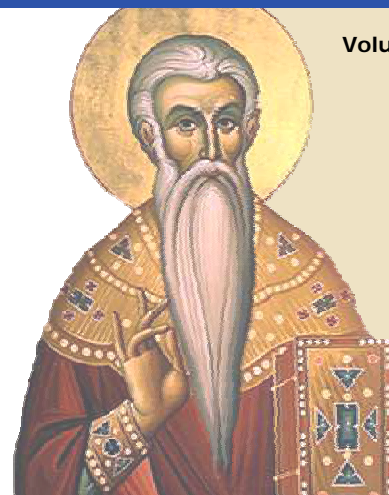


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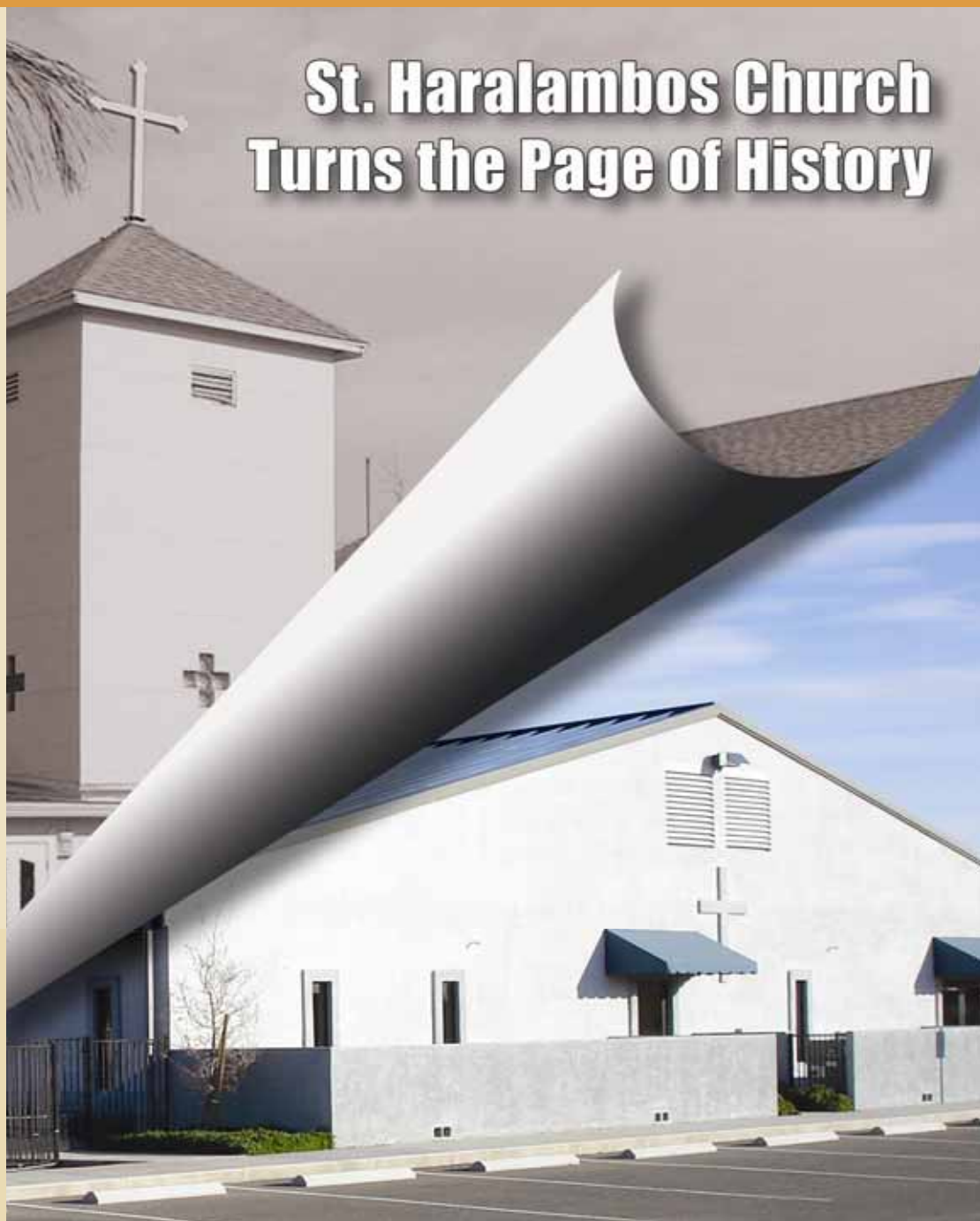
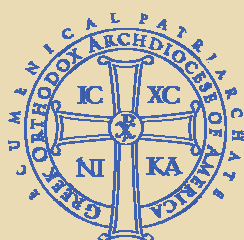
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*Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos*

# Feast of the Annunciation

**Tuesday Evening, March 24th**  
**Vespers at 6pm**

Following Vespers, we will be showing Parts I and II of the award-winning documentary, *"The Journey: The Greek American Dream"*, the story of Greek immigration to the United States. Included are interviews with well-known personalities such as Senator Paul Sarbanes, writers Elias Kulukundis and George Pelecanos, Poet Olga Broumas and many others. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

**Wednesday Morning, March 25th**  
**Divine Liturgy at 9am**

Following the Liturgy, we will be showing Part III of *"The Journey"*.



While conducting research on a feature film "A Friendship in Smyrna," filmmaker Maria Iliou discovered a wealth of previously unseen archival photographic and film footage from over fifty public and private collections which tell the fascinating history of Greek immigrants to the United States. Along with historian Alexander Kitroeff and several scholars and guests, she brings these stories and photographs to life in order to explore and document a very special story from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

The film narrates the Greek immigration to America from 1890 to 1980. Interviews with prominent Greek Americans including Senator Paul Sarbanes, writers George Pelecanos and Elias Kulkundis, poet Olga Broumas, film critic/historian Dan Georgakas, Ellis Island Archivist George Tselos, Hellenic Studies professors Martha Klironomos and Artemis Leontis, researcher Gus Chatzidimitriou, Father Bob Stephanopoulos, and historian Alexander Kitroeff complement the photographic and filmic archival footage.





## An Exciting Month for Our Community

The response to the call for help with the move to our new church property on Pinnacle Peak Road has been just great! Parishioners and friends have donated boxes, packing materials, use of trucks, and have volunteered to pack, transport and unload the various furnishings and supplies. Many thanks to Dean Milonas for coordinating the move, and to all who have volunteered their time. If everything continues to progress this smoothly, we will be ahead of our original schedule, and will be celebrating the first Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Mar. 21, the fifth Sunday of Great Lent.

Our church community is also blessed with parishioners who are donating a new computer system for the office, a new phone system, as well as funds for the construction of the icon screen and solea for the church interior. Stella Pagos and Frosene Yelton have joined Mary Manos in volunteering to work in the church office. Time, talent and treasures – Christian Stewardship in action!

Now midway in the season of Great Lent, the weeknight services continue throughout this month. In addition to the Tuesday evening Compline service, the Wednesday evening Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy and the

Friday evening Akathist Hymn, I encourage everyone to visit the other local Orthodox parishes that will be hosting the Sunday evening Lenten Vesper services. Please see the Community Calendar for times and places.

An award-winning new documentary film on the story of Greek immigration to the United States will be shown on Tuesday evening, Mar. 24 following the Vesper service. (See the Inside Cover.) We'll be taking advantage of the two drop-down screens and sound system available in our new church to enjoy the viewing. The final portion will be shown following Divine Liturgy on Mar. 25, the feastday of the Annunciation.

We'll be making palm crosses on the Saturday of Lazarus and our Philoptochos is preparing a Bake Sale for Palm Sunday. Finally, Holy Week begins on Monday, Mar. 28 bringing us closer to the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, Apr. 4.

Please be alert to road conditions while driving to our new church property. The City of Peoria has two street improvement projects underway: 83rd Avenue is being widened between Williams Road and Calle Lejos Road, and a 16-inch water

line is being installed along Pinnacle Peak east from 82nd Ave across New River.

Thanks to Penny Obren for coordinating our first bus trip to St. Paisius Monastery in Safford on Saturday, Mar. 6. This will be a very enjoyable visit, and another good opportunity for fellowship with our parish family.

As it is every year, our church calendar is filled with events and services during the Lenten season. The difference this year, of course, is the fact that we will be celebrating in a new church building for the first time in more than 23 years.

I look forward to the completion of our move to our new church location. I look forward to the excitement of new faces, along with familiar faces, worshipping together and enjoying fellowship together in a new building. Above all, I look forward to a bright future for our parish, one that sees this move as a foundation for a new beginning and spiritual rebirth among our members, glorifying God, enjoying fellowship, and growing in our faith while remaining faithful to the traditions of the Holy Orthodox faith.

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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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### Hours

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

### Parish Council

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Mary Wysmierski, Secretary  
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## Census Officials Urge Care

By Susan Johnson (Arrowhead Ranch Independent)

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way, as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't

know into your home. Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

Remember, no matter what they ask you, you really only need to tell them how many people live at your address. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, you don't have to answer anything at all about your financial situation. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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## Easier Method for Parish Contributions

We've got a dozen parish families so far who have signed up with Parish Pay! Thank you!

**Parish Pay** is a means of sending church contributions electronically via the internet. By going to our parish website ([www.stharalambos.org](http://www.stharalambos.org)) and clicking on the "Parish Pay" button, you are directed to the Parish Pay site to easily set up your account.

There are no costs to parishioners, and you decide how much and how often contributions are sent for stewardship, building fund or any other fund you designate. Contributions can be a one-

time gift, or you can set up regular monthly payments to be deducted from a checking or savings account or credit card. It is a safe and secure system.

Benefits are: eliminates the need for writing checks; automatically sends contributions even if you are ill or out of town, earns points, bonuses or mileage when coupled with credit card accounts.

For further information, please contact our Parish Council Treasurer Stella Pagos at 623-975-0027. Consider Parish Pay for all your church contributions for the New Year.

**ParishPay**  
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## Philoptochos

By Charlotte Servetas, President

*"Faith without works is dead" James 2:17*

The Lenten Journey is well on the way, moving month is here and so is your Philoptochos.

Hosts for Pre-Sanctified suppers are:

- Mar. 3: Aphrodite Devolitis and Valla Wrona
- Mar. 10: Chryss Danielek and Voula Dodd

### FYI

1. To St. Basil Academy: \$500
2. National Social Service: \$150
3. Metropolis Social Service/Emergency Relief: \$100
4. Palm Sunday (Mar. 28) a bake sale will be held after Liturgy. Proceeds for Philoptochos ministries.

Remember the Military Care Box Program.

Remember to check the weekly Sunday bulletin for any changes or additions to Philoptochos calendar.

February meeting attendance 16 (3 new members), won't you join us? We are officially beginning a membership drive in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Voula Dodd, Membership Chairwoman, 623-546-2277 or Charlotte Servetas, President, 623-933-6647

### What is Philoptochos?

Philoptochos means "friend of the poor". The Greek Orthodox Ladies Society is the official philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church of America, and is the largest women's Christian philanthropic organization in the United States! We ladies of St. Anna's (patron saint of our chapter) Philoptochos are dedicated to finding ways to make an impact and a difference not only at the National level, but in OUR own community, as well. Your participation in the organization AT ANY LEVEL OF ENERGY you are willing to commit to, is important in fulfilling this ministry of our church.



## St. Christopher's Bookstore

**Traditions and Change: Concerns For Today's Greek Orthodox Church of America** Tolly Kizilos 2000, 156 pp.

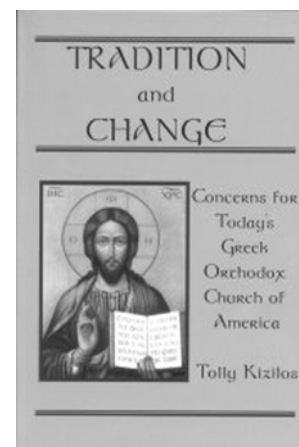
Mr. Kizilos is concerned about the number of young Orthodox Christians leaving the Church, while the number of immigrants from Greece dwindles. Furthermore, the author thinks the Church's position on intermarriage does not attract new members to the Church.

He quotes Bishop Kallistos Ware on the importance of Holy Tradition which assures the Church's "changelessness...its sense of living continuity with the Church of ancient times." But elsewhere he quotes Bishop Ware saying that not all

parts of Holy Tradition are as "essential as the Bible, the Creed, and the pronouncements of the Seven Ecumenical Councils," and other "immutable" truths such as the Holy Trinity and the Incarnation.

Mr. Kizilos, who claims "our Church does not make it easy for them [children] to get close to Christ," thinks we need an Ecumenical Council "in our own day" where both clergy and laity would "enrich the Tradition by simplification, ... correction and even addition and deletion." He calls on the Church to "admit officially that some of its Canons

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## Birthdays



George Retsinas (5th)  
 Alice Hecht (8th)  
 Pete Tremoulis (10th)  
 Patti Christie (17th)  
 Bill Retsinas (17th)  
 Malia Panousopoulos (19th)  
 Danny Kostas (22nd)  
 Darren Waters (22nd)  
 Sharon Crews (23rd)  
 Nick Milonas (23rd)  
 Shawna Tremoulis (30th)

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.

## Assisted Living/Hospitalization

The following parishioners may not be able to be with us physically, but are still loved members of our parish, and we ask you to please remember them in prayer: Orin Davis, Lee Feutz, Don Hensen, John and Mary Karavaras, Nikita and Josette Reisler.

## Sacraments

Congratulations to Spero Pagos and Michele Chin who were married on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, and the Koumbara was Andrea Sarullo. May God grant them many years of good health and happiness.

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are obsolete, or wrong, and eliminate them." (He gives specific examples and quotes Scripture in some places to contradict them.)

The author also quotes theologians who have advocated changes in the Canons, especially those that prescribe punishments for divorce, such as abstinence from Holy Communion for a while. He accuses the Church of putting the priest in a position between the parishioner and Christ, judging the parishioner's behavior, "turning the Church into a virtual courtroom." Priests should be "flexible".

Mr. Kizilos blames the "failings" of the Church on "its administrators, i.e. the bishops," and says, "We are asked to obey a Patriarch whose primary concern seems to be the maintenance of his power." The laity should not be made to feel intimidated or subservient, according to the author, and has "an obligation" to speak up for changes that we believe will revitalize the Church and "support the Faith," not "weaken or corrupt it." He writes, "The lay people are the guardians of the Faith"; the Spirit is among us.

Some changes he proposes are to reduce or eliminate the icon screen, the icons, and prayers to the Saints and Theotokos

(to focus on our relationship with Christ); move the Priest behind the altar table facing the parishioners; make the Liturgy more concise; allow non-Orthodox hymns and females in the clergy; and emphasize "the simple beauty of the gentle Jesus, ... teacher, ...servant, ...shepherd, ...healer, ... best friend."

An Orthodox Priest asked, "But, if we make all these changes, how will our Church be any different from the Protestant Churches all around us?" The reader can decide to agree or disagree.

## Name Days

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

St. Theodotos of Kyrenia (2nd)  
 St. Mark the Athenian (5th)  
 St. Paul the Simple (7th)  
 St. Theophylaktos (8th)  
 St. Anastasia (10th)  
 St. Symeon (12th)  
 St. Panharis (19th)  
 St. Myron (20th)  
 St. Euthymios (22nd)  
 St. John of the Ladder (Climacos) (30th)

# MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Philoptochos	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy Lenten Dinner	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Akathist Hymn (3rd Stanza)	<b>6</b> 6:00am Meet for trip to St. Paisius Monastery
<b>7</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 6:00pm Lenten Vespers (St. Sava Orthodox Church)	<b>8</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebastia</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Compline Service	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy Lenten Dinner	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>12</b> 6:00pm Akathist Hymn (4th Stanza)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 6:00pm Lenten Vespers (Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Compline Service	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy Lenten Dinner	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Akathist Hymn (Complete)	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>First Liturgy in New Church</b> 6:00pm Lenten Vespers (St. John Orthodox Church)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Compline Service	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Vespers Film: "The Journey: The Greek American Dream" Parts I & II	<b>25</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Annunciation to the Theotokos</b> Film: "The Journey" Part III 7:00pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Saturday of Lazarus</b> Lenten Breakfast Making Palm Crosses
<b>28</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Palm Sunday</b> 6:00pm "Christ the Bridegroom" Service	<b>29</b>  <b>Holy Week</b> 7:00pm "Christ the Bridegroom" Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00am Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Holy Unction 7:00pm Holy Unction			



## It's important to plan ahead for the legacy you want to leave behind.

With foresight, an estate plan can accomplish more than transferring your assets. It can protect your heirs, help you minimize tax obligations utilizing current tax law, and achieve your wealth transfer goals so that your legacy can live on. To learn how Morgan Stanley Smith Barney can assist you in the development of your estate plan, please attend our informative seminar, which will address important issues such as:

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### [Plan for Your Legacy: The Building Blocks of Estate Planning](#)

**Date:** Changed from February 20th to April 17, 2010

**Time:** 2:30 pm

**Place:** Church Social Hall

### [Speakers](#)

Dimitri A Spanos, CIMA, CIMC

Douglas Hodges

Christine Asimou, PC

Please call us at 623-486-8665 to reserve your place.

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