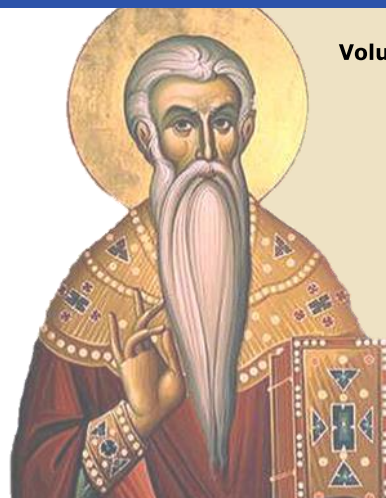


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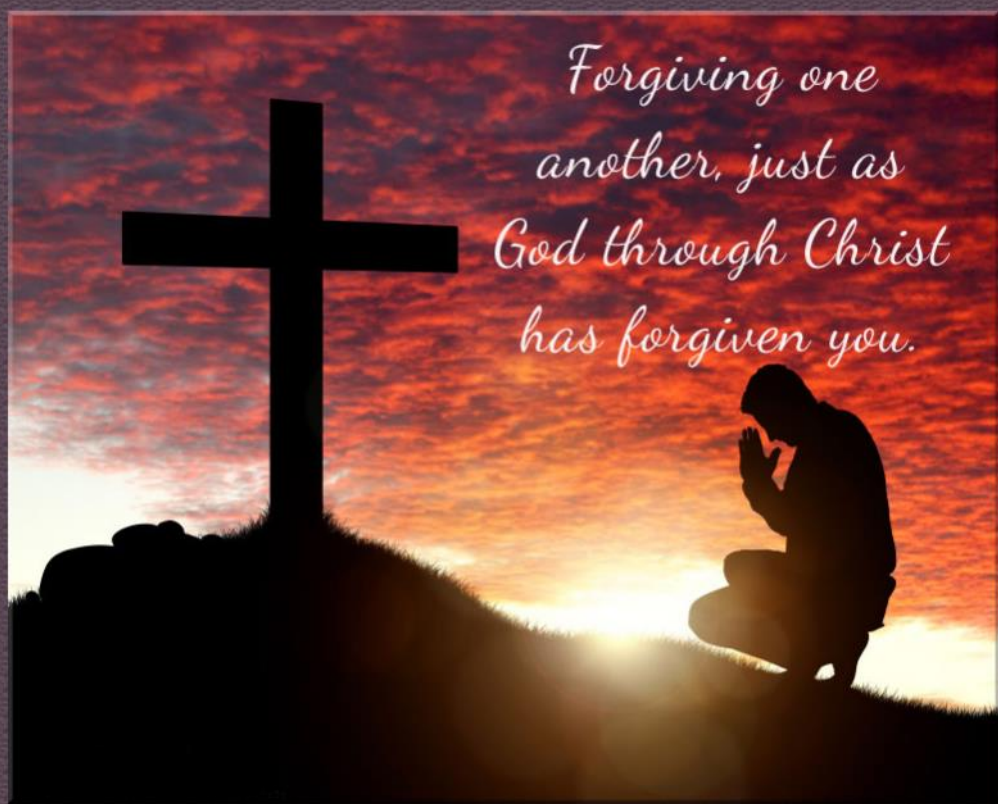
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Forgiveness Sunday, March 13



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

Greetings to All "Forever Young" members, I hope that all is well with you, so happy to see Russ Skocypec up and about; to Alex Anastasiadis and Robyn Pappas, a speedy recovery to both of you. Please keep them both in your prayers.

On Monday, Feb. 15 some of us went to The Bible Museum, in Goodyear, and following the tour, we went to Dino's Greek/Italian Restaurant in Goodyear, the tour at the Bible Museum given by Joel, was extremely interesting and lunch at Dino's was delicious!

Some have planned to go to enjoy the Arizona Winds Concert Band on Feb. 21, they will perform the "Two Iconic 20th Century Composers" concert; while others will be attending the "Arizona Premiere" of a narrative film that explores the power of prayer called "Antique Prayers". The Daughters of Penelope, Aegina #340, Chandler, AZ are hosting this to help support their Philanthropic Charities., The cost is \$10 for adults, children under 12, \$5; the writer/director: Paul Socrates Kaitson will be in attendance to discuss and answer questions. It is being shown at the Tempe Pollack Cinemas, 1825 E. Elliot Rd., Tempe, AZ. This spiritually uplifting film has been shown in the LA area and has been extremely well received. I took 40 tickets to sell, call me.

On Sunday, Mar. 6, at 5 pm; I have booked seating at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre to see; "Fiddler on the Roof"; (for those receiving this email before the weekend, I can still book a reservation for you but you must notify me by late Saturday, Feb. 20. I am able to make final arrangements on Monday the 22nd; I have about 8 reservations left of the original 40. The cost of your ticket includes: fresh rolls, choice of soup or salad, a choice of one of five different entrees, your tea and or

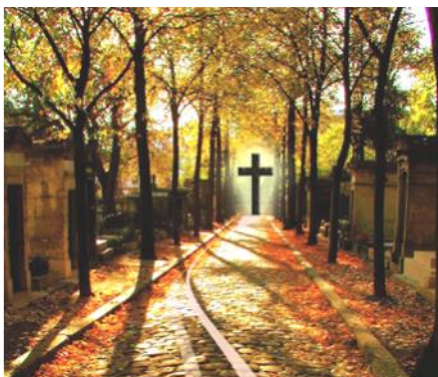
coffee, plus the servers gratuity. If you wish anything extra such as a dessert, soda, a cocktail or upgrading your main entrée, you will receive a bill for it along with the tax and additional gratuity. The checks need to be made out to me; I pay the entire bill with my own credit card. They will not accept multiple payments.

We have been invited to join our mutual Senior groups from Holy Trinity, Assumption & St. Katherine's at a Lenten Pot Luck Picnic on Thursday, Mar. 10 at Squa Peak. Please advise if you wish to go and I will forward directions to you.

On Saturday, Mar. 12 at 3 pm to 8 pm, the Daughters of Penelope, Helenos #432 chapter, will host a "Family Panigiri" (Picnic) at Holy Trinity. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 4-10. More information will be sent out.

Also on Saturday, Mar. 26, the Tri-City Ahepa is hosting a Greek Independence Day Glendi at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, a delicious fish dinner will be served. Tickets are \$25 each. When I receive the flyer, I will forward that to you.

As you can see, March will be another busy month, please notify me; I can be reached at [juliekaroutas@gmail.com](mailto:juliekaroutas@gmail.com), 623-972-2382, or call or text my cell at 623-313-8720. Please leave name of all wishing to participate and a contact number.



## Parishioner Lent Guide

Everyone is encouraged to pick up their copy of the 2016 Lent Guide, a small booklet containing the Lenten service schedule, descriptions of fasting, prayer and works of charity, to help us on our Lenten Journey. These are available Sundays in the Narthex.





## Vespers of Forgiveness

The start of Great Lent, for Orthodox Christians, begins Monday, Mar. 14. The way Orthodox Christians are called to begin Great Lent is with forgiveness.

On Sunday evening, Mar. 13 at 6 pm, we will celebrate the Vespers of Forgiveness, during which we will all have the opportunity, individually, to ask forgiveness from our brothers and sisters in the Lord.



It is a prayer service that, unfortunately, is unknown or not well-attended by many in our parish. But, as we read in the quote from His Grace Bishop Kallistos on this month's cover, this rite of mutual forgiveness can change the lives of those who participate.

The mistaken notion that withholding forgiveness from someone is somehow a sign of strength shows how far off from the Christian life certain people

have strayed. The act of forgiveness pulls the rug out from under the anger and vengeful feelings that too many keep inside for long periods of time. It releases the anger and replaces it with love; it begins to heal and reconcile.

Asking forgiveness is a personal act - it can't be done via email, texting or Instant Messaging - it must be done with a sincere heart, face to face. This makes some people uncomfortable, but sometimes, wonderful things happen when we move out of our comfort zone.

It won't be difficult to come up with reasons why we can't participate, but I'm hoping those will all be seen as less important that the reason why we need to participate. We need to be forgiven, and we need to forgive each other. Our Lord requires it from us, and we should arrange our priorities, move out of our comfort zone, and summon the strength and pray for the grace to behave in a Christ-like manner.

As an Orthodox Christian community, we should learn to show, by our words and actions, that we practice what we preach. Sunday, Mar. 13, at 6 pm, is a wonderful opportunity to do so.

Will you take this opportunity?

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### Sunday Worship

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

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### Parish Council

Marina Finch  
Dennis Georgen  
Kathie Harvey

Tim Harvey  
Russ Skocypec

## Student Scholarship Opportunities

### Arizona Hellenic Foundation

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available to high school seniors and college students. For an application and eligibility requirements please visit [www.Azhellenic.org](http://www.Azhellenic.org).

### Heritage Greece 2016

The American College of Greece (ACG) is now accepting applications for Heritage Greece 2016, an educational and cultural program for college-aged, Greek-American students. Heritage Greece was developed by the National Hellenic Society (NHS) as part of its mission to celebrate and preserve Greek heritage in the United States and is hosted by The American College of Greece (ACG). Heritage Greece is a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore Greek heritage, culture and identity with a peer group of students from the US and Greece.

*The Heritage Greece Program will run from June 9 to 26, 2016.*

ACG is accepting applications through Mar. 25. We are seeking Greek-American college students who have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and have never or seldom been to Greece.

Applicants can visit the website at [www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/apply-heritage-greece](http://www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/apply-heritage-greece), where they can learn more details about this year's Heritage Greece program, as well as apply through the link provided.



## Summer Camp

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco is proud to announce the 36th year of its Summer Camp ministry at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. Organized by the Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, this program is a highlight of youth ministry throughout the year. All three sessions of Summer Camp are for campers ages 8–18.

### The dates for the 2016 Metropolis Summer Camp are:

- Staff Orientation Week - July 5-9
- Session I - July 10-16
- Session II - July 17-23
- Session III - July 24-30

*Due to high demand, campers are now limited to registering for only ONE session of summer camp.*

### Pricing for 2016:

- \$475 Early Registration (Dec 1–Feb 29)
- \$500 Normal Registration (Mar 1–Apr 30)
- \$525 Late Registration (May 1–Jun 15)

*All siblings receive a \$25 discount.*

### Online Registration

Camper Registration and more information is now available online at [www.gosfyouth.org](http://www.gosfyouth.org). You can make a deposit now to lock in the “Early Registration” pricing and make payments until Jun. 15.

### All Saints Camp

June 5 - 10 | Prescott, AZ  
Look for registration materials in upcoming issues.



## St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

*"He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf."* Proverbs 11:28

St. Anna's Philoptochos met and voted on the National and Metropolis commitments for the month of February. Fifty dollars went toward the Autism Assistance Fund and \$25 to St. Fotios Shrine.

Our annual church festival was a total success!!!! Thank you to all the fantastic festival volunteers for all their hard work

and dedication! Without their generosity it would not be possible to host our event. May God bless you for your labor of love!!

We are in need of Sunday Coffee Hour hosts for the month of March. Please check with me or sign up on the sheet located on the wall outside the kitchen.

March's Philoptochos meeting is Monday the 7th at 6:30 pm. We invite you to join us! We ask for your talents and skills to actively support the less fortunate and to help make a difference.



## Stewardship

Please remember to complete and return your 2016 Stewardship Pledge Card. These are available from the church office or can be picked up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

Stewardship is the loving gift of Time, Talents and Treasures for the well-being of our parish and the spiritual growth of each one of us.

## Orthodox Study Group

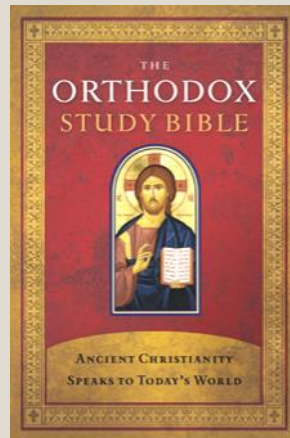
Orthodox study group will resume the study of Genesis starting Thursday Mar. 3 at 7 pm at the church.

Genesis is one of the most important sources of much of our Orthodox Christian Theology. All are invited to attend for review and understanding of these important lessons. Our goal is to review and to contemporize these lessons.

We will start with a review of Chapters 1-3. Please review these chapters as we will have a question and answer session about these critical lessons before moving on to "life after the fall". We will then be meeting for six weeks between Mar. 3 and Apr. 7 where we will again take a short break from the reviews for preparation of the Lenten services.

Meetings are now scheduled for Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Apr. 7.

If you have any questions please contact Ted Manos, [tedmanos@zona.net](mailto:tedmanos@zona.net) or 623-680-6547





## Birthdays



Dina Surman (1)  
Costa Androulakis (2)  
Joselyn Braddock (2)  
Demetrios Hibner (6)  
Kathryn Macrides (7)  
Alice Hecht (8)  
Rana Nahhas Samawi (9)  
Russell Skocypec (9)  
Mary Davis (11)  
Sandra Amoroso (13)  
Peter Batalis (13)  
Peter Gavrilidis (13)  
Christopher King (13)  
Dorothy Masley (14)  
Patricia Christie (17)  
Angela Hapgood (17)  
William Retsinas (17)  
Malia Panousopoulos (19)  
Nick Milonas (23)  
Frank Johnson (24)  
Maria Papamatheakis (25)  
Argiro Selles (25)  
William Kauble (29)  
Eleni Haidopoulos (30)

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.

## Yia Yia's Attic

By Pam Lemons

The YiaYia's Attic section of the Festival Import Booth was filled with unique gift items due in part to the generous donations by many of our parishioners. A

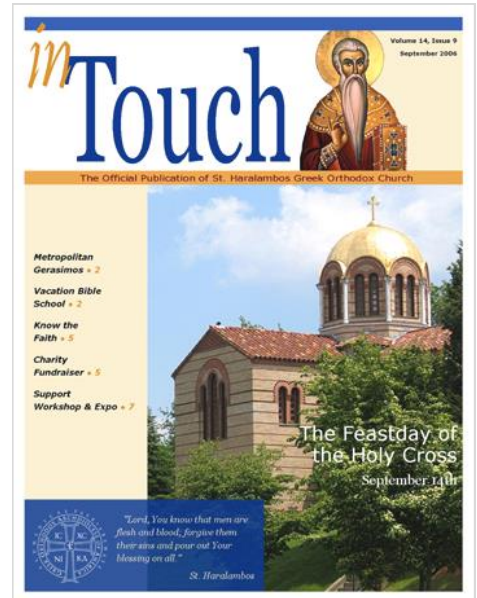
special Thank You to everyone who donated jewelry, icons, collectibles, toys, art work, etc. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

## In Touch Newsletter Distribution

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

If you haven't yet sent your current email address to the church office, please do so today.

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



## Memory Eternal

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, James Kambanos, who fell asleep in the Lord on Jan. 21. Our condolences and love to his beloved wife Alice and family. May his memory be eternal.

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, Angeliki Kapolos, who fell asleep in the Lord on Jan. 28. Our

condolences and love to her beloved husband Jim and family. May her memory be eternal.

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, Marius Pagos, who fell asleep in the Lord on Feb. 3. Our condolences and love to his beloved wife Stella and family. May his memory be eternal.

## Name Days

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

St. Theodotos (2nd)	St. Panharios (19th)
St. Mark (5th)	St. Myron (20th)
St. Theophylaktos (8th)	St. Euthymios (22nd)
St. Symeon the New Theologian (12th)	St. Parthenios (24th)
St. Aristobulos (15th)	St. John of the Ladder (Climacos) (30th)

# MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>  6:00pm Youth Night	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>1st Saturday of Souls</b>
<b>6</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Meatfare Sunday</b> Mortgage Reduction Tray	<b>7</b>  6:30pm Philoptochos	<b>8</b>  6:00pm Youth Night	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>2nd Saturday of Souls</b>
<b>13</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Cheesefare Sunday</b> 6:00pm Vespers of Forgiveness	<b>14</b>  <b>Great Lent Begins</b>  7:00pm Parish Council	<b>15</b>  6:00pm Youth Night 7:00pm Lenten Compline Service	<b>16</b>  6:00pm Divine Liturgy <b>Pre-Sanctified Gifts</b> (Lenten Dinner following)	<b>17</b>  7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>18</b>  7:00pm Akathist Hymn (1st Stanza)	<b>19</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>3rd Saturday of Souls</b>
<b>20</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 6:00pm Lenten Vespers	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  6:00pm Youth Night 7:00pm Lenten Compline Service	<b>23</b>  6:00pm Divine Liturgy <b>Pre-Sanctified Gifts</b> (Lenten Dinner following)	<b>24</b>  7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	<b>25</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Annunciation of the Theotokos</b>  7:00pm Akathist Hymn (2nd Stanza)	<b>26</b>
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