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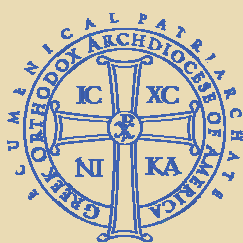
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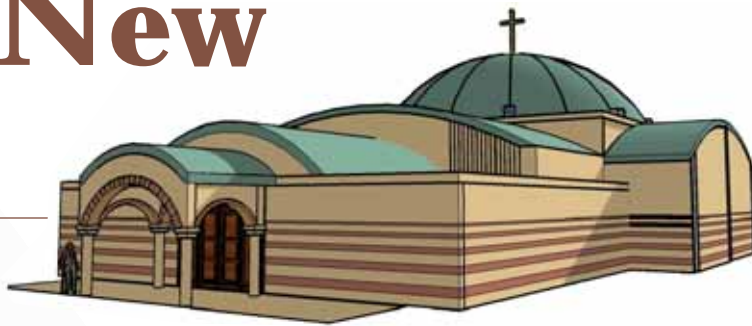
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Honoring Motherhood on Sunday, May 11

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

For Everything a Season: **Building a New Church**



Getting to Know Your Architect

Kevin Callahan received his Bachelor Degree of Architecture and Environmental Design along with Foundations in Business Minor from Ball State University in 1981. He received a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1986. Kevin became an associate professor of design at Ball State and Notre Dame Schools of Architecture. He has been a featured speaker nationally and teaches on worship environment design, construction and philosophy of technology annually at the National Association of Broadcasters Convention as well as the "Environment and Worship" Conversational Gathering held each February. Kevin is the research author/editor for *Technologies For Worship Magazine*.

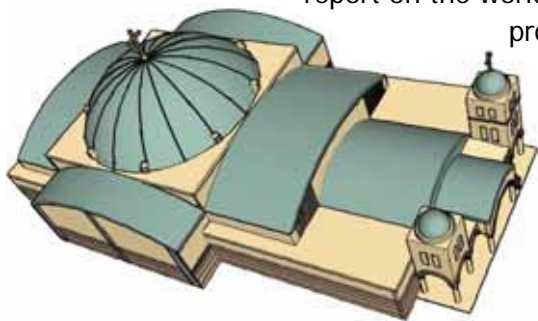
Kevin is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space (ACLS). He has been married for 27 years, resides in Scottsdale with his wife Joan and his five children. He enjoys spending time with his family and racing motocross bikes.

Kevin founded CALLAHANstudios (CA) in 1987 and has been involved in the design of over 212 church projects. He is currently completing the \$27 million dollar Grace Community Church in Noblesville, Indiana. Kevin has designed Catholic, Lutheran, Protestant, Baptist, Jewish and numerous other non-denomination churches.

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church is Kevin's first Eastern Orthodox Byzantine Church design. He is excited about this opportunity. His first activity in our Church design was to procure the Archdiocese textbook, [Worship in The Orthodox Church](#). From there he was sent a paper on the *85 Liturgical Elements in the Eastern Orthodox Church*.

Incorporating his 200 previous church design experiences with our unique Byzantine design and liturgical requirements, Kevin immediately developed a 'footprint' or floor plan for the Design Focus Groups (DFG) to review. The floor plan has been thoroughly reviewed and revised by the 'worship DFG.' The DFG revised the 'Solea' (a Latin word for 'higher elevation'), room sizes, pew positions, dome chandeliers, baptismal font relocation and type, choir loft redesign, 'narthex' revisions, restrooms and infant changing rooms were added and much more.

Kevin has been familiar with our Church family since 2001 when a member of our Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) attended a "Begotten...not made" workshop presented by Kevin. The SPC was given a report on the workshop that included church architecture and design, the planning process and Stewardship Cultivation (Hearts to Wallets fund raising activities).



Kevin and his architectural associates are busy completing the construction documents in preparation for developing a 'cost model' estimate. This will become St. Haralambos' goal for the 'capital enrichment' and 'building pledge' campaigns. This is a very exciting time in the life of our Church family and Kevin Callahan will forever be linked with our new Church building.



This blessed gift from God ... that of being a Mother

This month we honor motherhood on Sunday, May 11. The following story entitled, Being a Mom, describes not only the joys of motherhood, but the never-ending and unequaled changes of life it brings about. See if you agree...

Being a Mom

Author Unknown

We are sitting at lunch one day when my daughter casually mentions that she and her husband are thinking of starting a family. "You think I should have a baby?"

"It will change your life," I say, carefully keeping my tone neutral.

"I know," she says, "no more sleeping in on weekends, no more spontaneous vacations ..."

But that is not what I meant at all. I look at my daughter, trying to decide what to tell her. I want her to know what she will never learn in childbirth classes. I want to tell her that the physical wounds of child bearing will heal, but becoming a mother will leave her with an emotional wound so raw that she will forever be vulnerable.

I consider warning her that she will never again read a newspaper without asking, "What if that had been MY child?" That every plane crash, every house fire will haunt her. That when she sees pictures of starving children, she will wonder if anything could be worse than watching your child die.

I look at her carefully manicured nails and stylish suit and think that no matter how sophisticated she is, becoming a mother will reduce her to the primitive level of a bear protecting her cub. That an urgent call of "Mom!" will cause her to drop a soufflé or her best crystal without a moment's hesitation. I feel that I should warn her that no matter how many years she has invested in her career, she will be professionally derailed by motherhood. She might arrange for childcare, but one day she will be going into an important business meeting and she will think of her baby's sweet smell. She will have to use every ounce of discipline to keep from running home, just to make sure her baby is all right.

I want my daughter to know that every day decisions will no longer be routine. That a five year old boy's desire to go to the men's room rather than the women's at McDonald's will become a major dilemma. That right there, in the midst of clattering trays and screaming children, issues of independence and gender identity will be weighed against the prospect that a child molester may be lurking in that restroom.

However decisive she may be at the office, she will second-guess herself constantly as a mother.

Looking at my attractive daughter, I want to assure her that eventually she will shed the pounds of pregnancy, but she will never feel the same about herself. That her life, now so important, will be of less value to her once she has a child. That she would give it up in moment to save her offspring, but will also begin to hope for more years - not to accomplish

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**St. Haralambos
Greek Orthodox
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Rev. Michael Pallad

www.stharalambos.org

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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Parish Council

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Youth Events

Metropolis of San Francisco Summer Camp

St. Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap, California Offering three sessions this summer:

- ♦ July 6 – 12
- ♦ July 13 – 19
- ♦ July 20 – 26

Applications and other information is available by visiting the Metropolis Youth website at:

www.youth.sanfran.goarch.org

All Saints Pan-Orthodox Summer Camp

El Nathan Retreat, Flagstaff, Arizona

- ♦ June 8 – 15

Applications are available at the church office, or can be downloaded by visiting Holy Trinity's website at www.holytrinityphx.org and click "Camp."

Summer Science Day Camps

Week-long day camps for children in Grades 1 - 6 here at St. Haralambos Church during the month of July. There are four sessions which run Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Application information can be found at www.scienceadventures.com or by calling (888) 458-1812.



Stewardship in the New Year

We welcome the following new steward families to our parish: Milton and Pamela Agelastos, Costa Androulakis, Michael and Kay Fulghum, Margaret Nelson, Anthony (Tony) and Ruth Panousopoulos, Genet and Ocbai Tesfay, Mark and Jenene Wilkins.

As we continue to welcome new families, we remind our current members the importance of warmly greeting and welcoming newcomers. Many of us can remember our first time at a new church,

and how important that first impression was!

Perhaps it isn't repeated often enough, but hospitality is a responsibility of each of us, not just the greeters and not just the Philoptochos. Don't wait for a visitor or new family to get up and introduce themselves; if you see someone new sitting by themselves in the Social Hall, go over and say hello and welcome them to our parish. What a difference it makes when visitors are made to feel welcome!

General Assembly

The Spring General Assembly will be held on Sunday, May 18 in the Social Hall following services. Our Philoptochos will be providing lunch, and everyone is

invited and encouraged to attend the assembly as we hear updates on the building project and other parish organizations.

Pastor's Column

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her own dreams, but to watch her child accomplish theirs. I want her to know that a cesarean scar or shiny stretch marks will become badges of honor. My daughter's relationship with her husband will change, but not in the way she thinks. I wish she could understand how much more you can love a man who is careful to powder the baby or who never hesitates to play with his child. I think she should know that she will fall in love with him again for reasons she would now find very unromantic.

I wish my daughter could sense the bond she will feel with women throughout history who have tried to stop war, prejudice and drunk driving. I hope she will understand why I can think rationally about most issues, but become

temporarily insane when I discuss the threat of nuclear war to my children's future.

I want to describe to my daughter the exhilaration of seeing your child learn to ride a bike. I want to capture for her the belly laugh of a baby who is touching the soft fur of a dog or cat for the first time. I want her to taste the joy that is so real it actually hurts. My daughter's quizzical look makes me realize that tears have formed in my eyes.

"You'll never regret it," I finally say. Then I reached across the table, squeezed my daughter's hand and offered a silent prayer for her, and for me, and for all the mere mortal women who stumble their way into this most wonderful of callings. This blessed gift from God ... that of being a Mother.

Philoptochos

By Charlotte Servetas, President

"Christ is Risen" – "Truly He has Risen"



Thank you all who helped during the Lenten Journey with the many activities—including preparing kolyva for three Saturdays of Souls services; hosting six meals following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, The Palm Sunday Fish Dinner, decorating Icons and Epitophios and hosting the Anastasi Reception.

A special thank you to Penny Obren who has worked tirelessly as Activity Chairperson.

- ◆ Next meeting will be on Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- ◆ Mothers Day Food Drive will be on Tuesday, May 13. Non-perishable food items will be collected benefiting Westside Food Bank

Happy Mother's Day!

Coffee Hour

Thank You to Our Coffee Hour Hosts/Sponsors

Apr. 6	George & Georgia Trakas
Apr. 13	Ray & Mary Wysmierski
Apr. 20	Palm Sunday Luncheon
Apr. 27	Easter Sunday
May 4	Tom & Margaret Michailidis
May 11	Argyro Vasquez
May 18	Thomas & Ellen Tsolakos
May 25	Roy & Maria Christian and Pat Janofsky

Note: Due to publication printing deadlines, any modifications or changes to coffee hour listing will be noted in next month's newsletter.

Treasurer's Summary Report January-March 2008

Income

Ordinary Income

Stewardship	29,244
Candle & Tray Collection	3,485
Christmas	300
Rentals	3,150
Bookstore	506
Miscellaneous	75

Other Income

Investment Income	2,123
Festival (2007)	93

Specified Donations

Bldg Fund	85,381
Memorials	40
Misc	706

\$125,103

Expense

Salaries & Benefits	23,427
Diocese Assessments	3,330
New Bldg Expense	63,446
Charity	400

Operating Expense

Utilities	5,510
Facility Maintenance	1,961
Office	1,922
Candles	786
Bookstore	953
Holiday Expense	16
Insurance	832
Religious	489

\$103,092

Net Income

\$22,011





FESTIVAL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Festival planning meeting on April 13.

For your information, the letter below is being used to solicit sponsors for the upcoming Festival. We would appreciate it if every parishioner could obtain one sponsor to advertise in our program. It will have a huge impact on reducing our expenses. (Any level of sponsorship is welcomed!) Please use the Sponsor Form on the next page. Additional copies are available in the Church office.

If you have questions about the Sponsorship levels, want to help in any way or have suggestions to improve our 2008 Event, contact Pam Lemons or Stella Pagos.

Dear Friends,

The 21st Annual Taste of Greece Food and Dance Festival will be held October 24, 25 & 26, 2008 in Peoria. The "Taste of Greece" Festival attracts thousands of local and valley-wide residents each year and is the only Greek Festival in the West Valley. Proceeds from this annual event will benefit parish ministries and our new Church building project located at 75th Avenue and Greenway Road in Peoria, Arizona.

We write to you today to ask for your support of the 2008 Taste of Greece Festival. There are several ways in which you can participate (i.e., advertising in the Festival program, raffle, door prize or monetary donation, etc.). A Sponsorship Form indicating levels of participation is attached for your review and consideration. We would, of course, appreciate any contribution that you can provide and all contributors will be acknowledged in the Festival program. All donations are tax deductible. For your records, the Federal tax ID Number for St. Haralambos Church is: 86-0594146.

We do hope that you will join us as a contributor and also for a fabulous weekend of authentic Greek food, dancing and entertainment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Church office at 623-486-8665.

Thank you, again. OPA!

Sincerely,

Pam Lemons & Stella Pagos
Co-Chairmen, Annual Greek Festival

ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

2008 "TASTE OF GREECE" FOOD AND DANCE FESTIVAL

October 24, 25 & 26, 2008

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Company Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

FESTIVAL PROGRAM ADVERTISING

AD DEADLINE: September 1, 2008

Check One	Type	Cost	Benefit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Page Ad	\$800	Ad size: 4 ½" w x 7 ½" h 4 admission tickets & recognition at event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Half Page Ad	\$500	Ad size: 4 ½" w x 3 ½" h 4 admission tickets
<input type="checkbox"/>	One-Third Page	\$250	Ad size: 4 ½" w x 2 ½" h 2 free admission tickets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Card Ad	\$100	2" x 3 ½" Standard size
<input type="checkbox"/>	Festival Booster	\$25	Name recognized in Festival Program

Please provide logo, ad or business card in .jpeg format or camera ready artwork.

Email artwork to: pamruss30@msn.com

	Other	Value	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raffle prizes-gift card, donation, etc.	\$	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!

Please return completed form to:

Pam Lemons/Stella Pagos, Greek Festival Chairmen

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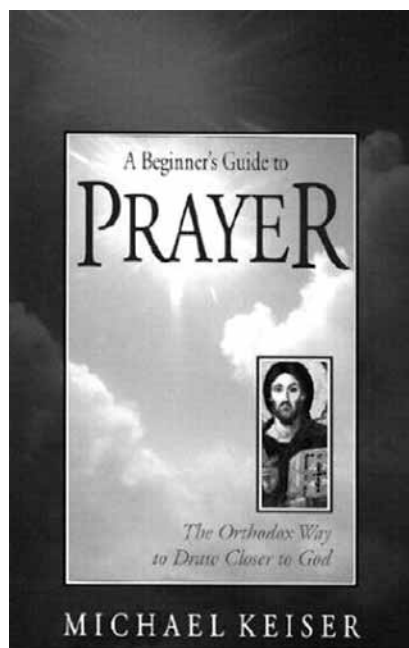
St. Christopher's Bookstore

A Beginner's Guide to Prayer: The Orthodox Way to Draw Closer to God, M. Keiser, 2003, 101 pages.

The author, an Orthodox priest, begins his book relating an incident that occurred in the parish of another priest. When the priest asked his congregation, "How many of you struggle with your prayer life?" every hand went up. The priest even admitted that prayer was his own spiritual struggle.

Fr. Keiser then makes the distinction between public (group) worship during Church services as the Body of Christ and personal prayer, which is when we converse one-on-one with God. He calls the two forms of prayer "the twin support beams of...spiritual life...both glorious and necessary."

He states, "There are many things required for our growth, such as reading, study and good works. But they will bear no real fruit unless they are supported by the life of worship and prayer."



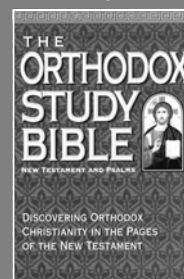
Here are some of the questions about praying answered in the book:

- ◆ What is prayer and how does it differ from just talking to our selves?
- ◆ Why should we pray and what should our goal be?
- ◆ Where and when should we pray?
- ◆ How might we start to pray if we are "beginners?"
- ◆ What can we do if we have difficulty getting "in the mood" to pray, can't get motivated to pray, or can't find the words to pray?
- ◆ What can we do to avoid distractions and if we do start to get distracted, what can we do to get re-focused?
- ◆ How do we decide if it's best to read our prayers, recite our prayers from memory, speak extemporaneously, or combine all three methods?
- ◆ What should we do if we occasionally feel discouraged, feel that God is not listening or responding?
- ◆ How do meditation, self-examination and confession affect our prayer lives?

The author quotes frequently from Chapter 6 of St. Matthew's Gospel where Jesus gives step-by-step instructions to teach us to pray. "When all else fails, read the instructions." Jesus' instructions to his disciples indicate, "that prayer is meant to be structured...disciplined...and private. Jesus never said, 'Wing it guys!'"

This book is a quick read. Fr. Keiser uses simple, but clever, often humorous language to give warm, practical advice to those seeking a closer relationship with God. Reading A Beginner's Guide to Prayer is time well spent. It can make a major change for the better in the reader's life. Prayer can become habit forming! Thank God!

Study Bible



Paperback copies of The Orthodox Study Bible are available in the

bookstore for 30-percent off the regular price. The regular price was \$25 and now it is \$18. Only six copies remain. (New Testament and Psalms, morning and evening prayers, a concordance, Feast Days and information about the Orthodox Church are included in this Bible.) New copies of The Orthodox Study Bible are on back order. The new Bible will include the Old and New Testaments as well as all of the above listed prayers and Biblical information. You can put your name on the waiting list for the new Bible on Sunday mornings in the bookstore.

Birthdays



William Georgen (3rd)
 Terry Parks (3rd)
 Demetrios Tremoulis (3rd)
 Charlotte Servetas (5th)
 Shirley Germanis (8th)
 Megan Pallad (10th)
 Effie Watters (11th)
 Alexandria Francis (15th)
 Melani Ioannou (16th)
 Helene Georgiou (17th)
 Aristithi Vardalos (18th)
 Alexandra Pallad (19th)
 Nicoletta Theoharatos (21st)
 Dena Waters (21st)
 Katherine Stithem (26th)
 Ann Morley (28th)
 Barbara Hartsel (29th)
 Jaden Albrant (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.

Memory Eternal

May our loving God grant eternal rest to the soul of Michael Dodd who fell asleep in the Lord on Apr. 9. Our deepest sympathies to his loving wife Voula, and to their son Christopher, along with our prayers that our Lord grant them comfort in their grief.

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 and Mary-Jean Davis, Fannie Huzinec, Alice Massahos, Tom Pallad, Nellie Poleschuk, Nikita and Josette Reisler.

Thank You

Dear Fr. Michael Pallad, St. Anna's Philoptochos and fellow parishioners.

We all thank you for your encouraging cards and uplifting phone calls during our grief over the loss of my beloved sister and Aunt Effie.

Pease accept our heartfelt gratitude and our Christian love.

Lola Durand and family.

Name Days

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

St. Nikephoros the Hesychast (4th)	St. Pachomios the Great (15th)
St. Irene (5th)	St. Symeon (24th)
Prophet Job (6th)	St. Thallelaios 20th)
St. Christopher (9th)	SS. Constantine and Helen (21st)
St. Glykeria (13th)	Sts. Theodosia and Theodosia (29th)
St. Isidore of Chios (14th)	

MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Remainder of Bright Week No Fasting 7:00pm Choir	2	3	
4 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday of St. Thomas	5 7:00pm Philoptochos	6	7	8	9	10
11 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 7:00pm Choir	16	17
18 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy General Assembly	19	20 7:00pm Parish Council	21 9:00am Divine Liturgy Feastday of Sts. Constantine and Helen	22 7:00pm Choir	23	24
25 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	26 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)	27	28	29 7:00pm Choir	30	31