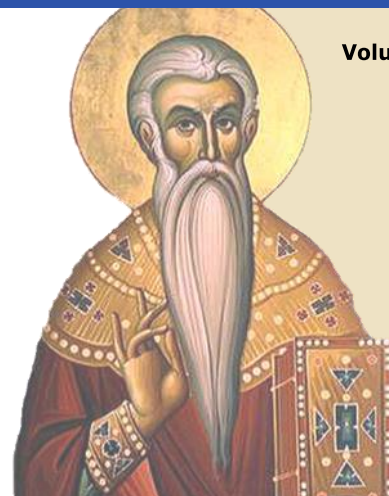


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Christ is Risen!

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; Robyn Pappas is feeling much better, still has a way to go but well on her way to recovery; In fact, Robyn will be helping me with the Forever Young ministry once she has fully recovered, thank you, Robyn. Alex Anastasiadis is much better, it was so good to see Alex & Kathy at our Mar. 25 Assumption/Greek Independence Day Pot Luck. Keep up the good work! Flo Curran is also recovering from surgery, and is doing well, I am pleased to say. Please keep them in your prayers for a full recovery.

The Phoenix #219 Ahepa will again be hosting their annual "Mother's Day Brunch" at Holy Trinity following church services on Sunday, May 8, it is a fantastic brunch. What a beautiful way to honor your "Mother", "Wife or Special Lady" on her special day! This affair is very popular, please make your reservations early.

Russ Skocypec will be hosting another "Day at the Races" Potluck at his home on Saturday, May 14 at 4 pm. Russ has printed up flyers with the details (pages 10-11), please see Russ after services on Palm Sunday. This time, we will definitely play the Race Horse game! Be ready to laugh at some of the names individuals picked for their horses and all. Russ will provide the Italian Beef, we will also need; rolls (for beef), Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green salad, Baked beans, Pasta Salad, Appetizers, Beverages: Soda, Wine, etc & desserts. Please call either Russ at 623-546-3553 or me at 623-972-2382.

On Sunday, May 22, at 3 pm, the Arizona Winds Concert Band will perform "Epic Marches"; the concert

will be held at the Cactus High School Auditorium at 6330 W. Greenway Rd., Glendale, AZ 85306. If you have not as yet attended one of their concerts you are missing out! Please make an effort to attend, you will be happy that you did. On Sunday, May 15, the same concert will be held at the Sun City Grand Ballroom. If you wish to go to the concert at Sun City Grand you must get "Free Reserved tickets" to attend. You can log on to their web site at: azwinds.com This is a very Patriotic performance that honors our Military Forces, past & present. It fills you with "Pride" to be an "American".



We are also planning another day at the theater, this time at the Hale Centre Theater in Gilbert, it will be a Saturday afternoon matinee, with lunch first, across the street at famous JOE's BBQ. Hale is a theater in the round, so to speak, all seating is excellent and the performances are great! More detail to follow. We can car-pool for this outing. This is a fun outing, don't miss out on it. More details to follow.

Please notify me; I can be reached at: juliekaroutas@gmail.com or 623-972-2382 or call/text my cell, 623-313-8720. Please leave name of all wishing to participate and a contact number. As always, a quick response is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you All a Blessed Pascha; Kali Anastasi!



During the visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and theology student Ivan Vuksanovic, the altar servers were given a special blessing by His Eminence for their service, tonsuring them as Acolytes. Our altar servers are (left to right): Ari Vardalos, Keegan Kelly, Niko Panousopoulos, Philemon and Bereket Russom, Noah Solomon, Elias Caratachea and Anwar Albandak (back row).



The Holy Resurrection

“Whosoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright festival; and whosoever is a grateful servant let him joyously enter in the joy of his Lord.”

So begins the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom, heard at the end of the Divine Liturgy, typically around 2am. It is a remarkable sermon both for its inspiring content, and its uniquely interactive quality.

The fact that the church walls vibrate with the chorus of “Truly He is Risen!” speaks volumes of St. John’s ability to connect with the deeply held faith of his people even into the early hours of the morning. But, this is how Orthodox Christianity rings in the most awe-inspiring feast of our Lord and Savior’s Resurrection.

His sermon assumes that some people may arrive late, but not that they will leave early! “If any arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first.” This is a celebration of the entire Church community, and no one should feel unwelcome or turn away because they have gotten a late start

St. John’s sermons, like most other sermons, include biblical references and direct quotes, one of the most powerful coming from the end of St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, “O Death where is your victory; O Hades, where is your sting?” (1Cor.15:55)

He responds to these pointed questions with, “Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and You (Hades) are annihilated! Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and the demons have fallen! Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*)

and the Angels rejoice! Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and life is liberated! Christ is Risen (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and the tomb is emptied of the dead!

In this article, these are just words on a page; in their context at the end of an early morning Divine Liturgy, when everyone has hopefully caught their second wind, they are a collective statement of Christian faith like no other. Again, those arriving late are excused; but leaving early, and missing the opportunity to express with the entire congregation our faith in the Resurrection, is a shame.

May this season of the holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts with love, joy and forgiveness.

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Sunday Worship

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

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General Assembly

Sunday, May 22, is the date for our parish spring General Assembly. The agenda is being mailed separately, indicating a variety of topics for the assembly.

Everyone is encouraged to stay to listen to the presentations and to stay informed about future plans for our parish. The Philotochos will be preparing a light lunch in order to enjoy fellowship together before the assembly begins.



St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

St. Haralambos Church hosted the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on Saturday, Apr. 9 at 2 pm for the Southwest District.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Baxter who was selected as one of the finalists to

represent our district at the Metropolis Festival on Saturday, May 14, at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, California. Congratulations are also for Catherine Baxter who was selected as an Alternate for the Junior Division.



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. 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. You can make a deposit now to lock in the “Early Registration” pricing and make payments until Jun. 15.

All Saints Camp

All Saints Orthodox Summer Camp, building upon the generations before us, is gearing its 30TH YEAR! Get ready for the Southwest’s best summer camp experience!

The camp session will run from Sunday, May 29 through Friday, Jun. 3 at Pine Summit in Prescott, Arizona. Follow this link to our NEW website for all registration information: AllSaintsCampArizona.org

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

Christ is risen from the dead, by death He has trampled down death, and on those in the tombs He has bestowed life.

Christ Is Risen, Truly He Has Risen! We celebrate Our Lord and Savior's Holy Resurrection and want to extend our sincerest appreciation to all who helped and supported our many parish and Philoptochos endeavors! Many helping hands and happy hearts were involved in making this year's Lenten and Holy Week season an uplifting and inspiring journey! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Our society met and voted on our National Ministry commitments for the month which included \$25 to the second commitment of the Sisterhood of St.

Basil's Academy. This commitment provides for the physical needs of the children of the Academy and their graduation costs and awards. The Society also voted to send \$200 to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) which provides food, shelter, economic self-sufficiency, and hope to those in need around the world.

Next Meeting

The last Philoptochos meeting of the season will be held Monday, May 23 at 6:30 pm. Please consider joining our legacy of philanthropy and embrace our message of activity and involvement through ministry to others. We wish all of you a safe and joyous summer and may God bless us and our families with His Holy Grace.



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.

Eternal Memory

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of Katherine Katsigiannis who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, Apr. 10. Our sincere

condolences to her beloved husband, Paul, and their family. May her memory be eternal.

Arizona Orthodox Christians Host Walk in Support of Mission Organizations

Everyone is encouraged to offer their support of the fourth annual "Arizona Walk for Missions" event on Saturday, May 14, at Kiwanis Park in Tempe. Participants can register by submitting a registration form at the event. (see pages 7-8)

Sponsored by the Arizona Council of Eastern Orthodox Church, the Walk for Mission will help support St. Innocent Orphanage with Project Mexico and the Orthodox Christian Missions Center.



Name Days

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

St. Irene (5th)
Prophet Job (6th)
St. Christopher (9th)
St. Simon (10th)
St. Glykeria (13th)
St. Symeon (24th)
Sts. Constantine and Helen (21st)
Sts. Theodosios and Theodosia (29th)

Birthdays



Christian Gheorghe (3)
Charlotte Servetes (5)
Shirley Germanis (8)
Despina Tremoulis (8)
Megan Pallad (10)
Tamara Kurilova (12)
Melani Ioannou (16)
Tony Panousopoulos (18)
Aristithi Vardalos (18)
Voule Kapetanakis (19)
Alexandra Pallad (19)
Nicoletta Theoharatos (21)
John Zafiropoulos (22)
Yiorgos Papamatheakis (23)
Genet Tesfay (23)
Alexis Dicks (25)
Ann Morley (28)
Barbara Hartsel (29)

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.

Church Beautification Project



In addition to the new lighting that was recently installed in the Nave and Altar areas, the 12 icons for the Nave have been donated by 12 parish families. When finished and installed in

the newly-painted arches, our church interior will truly be beautiful.

Here is the list of the saints and Feastdays, that were chosen by the donors.

Alexios (March 17)
Anastasia (December 22)
Andrew (November 30)
Anna (December 9)
Constantine and Helen (May 21)
Demetrios (October 26)
Irene (May 5)
Katherine (November 25)
Marina (July 17)
Nektarios (November 9)
Panteleimon (July 27)
Stephen (December 27)

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to Elizabeth Baxter who is graduating this month from Arizona Lutheran Academy with Highest Honors. She has received the following awards: New American Scholar; Arizona State University W.P. Carey School of Business Contest Scholarship Award; Scholar Athlete Award: Varsity Soccer, Cross Country, and Track; National Honor Society. Elizabeth was accepted into the

Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University in Tempe and will be studying Sales and Marketing.

Congratulations to Dimitri Theoharatos who is graduating this month with an MSE degree in Electrical Engineering from Arizona State University in Tempe. Following a trip to Europe this summer, Dimitri will be working for Intel Corp.

Orthodox Study Group

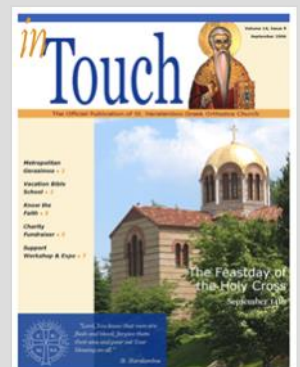
We will hold off on Orthodox Study group at this time. We will likely continue the group in the Fall. If you have any

questions or suggestions please contact Ted Manos, tedmanos@zona.net or 623-680-6547.

In Touch Newsletter Distribution

The In Touch monthly newsletter is available on our parish website (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.



Arizona Walk *for* Missions

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Antonia Adams-Clement

AZWalkforMissions@cox.net

Arizona Orthodox Christians Host Walk in Support of Mission Organizations

PHOENIX, March 15, 2016 – The Arizona OCMC and Project Mexico Missions Alumni invite members of the Orthodox Christian community to sign up for their fourth annual “Arizona Walk for Missions” event on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Kiwanis Park in Tempe. Participants can register by submitting a registration form at the event.

The “Arizona Walk for Missions,” supported by The Arizona Council of Eastern Orthodox Clergy, will equally benefit both Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Registration for the event is free, and participants who raise \$25 or more will receive a free “Arizona Walk for Missions” T-shirt. Checks are payable to “Project Mexico.”

The 2.5-mile walk starts at 8 a.m., with participant registration starting at 7:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available prior to the walk, and representatives from OCMC and Project Mexico will also share information about their organizations. A prayer will precede the walk at 8 a.m., and a closing prayer will take place at 9:30 a.m.

“Please remember that when you are walking in the Arizona Walk for Missions, you also walk with our newly-baptized brothers and sisters in East Africa,” said Kenneth D. Kidd, an OCMC development officer. “Many of them walk for two or more hours for the opportunity to worship in Liturgy and receive the Eucharist.”

“Every step you take in the Arizona Walk for Missions is a step towards building hope in Mexico,” said Soula De La Riva, a director at Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage. “Hope for abandoned and abused adolescent boys, hope for impoverished and struggling families, and hope for volunteers of all ages who come, serve, and bear witness to what putting their faith into action can truly accomplish.”

All pre-walk and post-walk activities will take place near the parking lot at Kiwanis Park. Parking is available next to the ramadas, just southwest of Mill Avenue and All America Way. The fundraising goal is \$2,000, and Orthodox Christians from any jurisdictions are welcome to attend.

About the Orthodox Christian Mission Center

OCMC serves to bring people to Christ and His Church. This ministry includes the preparation and organization of short-term and long-term mission teams and the training and support of indigenous Church leaders. Priority is given to parts of the world that have never heard or accepted the Gospel, thus fulfilling Christ’s great commission to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

About Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage

This Orthodox Christian ministry provides housing for impoverished Mexican families and operates St. Innocent Orphanage, a home for abandoned and abused teenage boys.

Arizona Walk *for* Missions

ALL PROCEEDS EQUALLY BENEFIT:
 Orthodox Christian Mission Center
 Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage

Saturday, May 14, 2016
 Kiwanis Park, Tempe, Arizona



PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Participants raising \$25 or more receive a free Arizona Walk for Missions T-shirt!

Participant's Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Parish:

Phone:

Email:

Age:

Participants younger than 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult

Emergency Contact:

Phone:

Photo Release My photo *may* ____ be used / *may not* ____ be used in promotional materials for the Arizona Walk for Missions and or in fundraising efforts for OCMC and Project Mexico.

Waiver Release I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage, The Arizona Council of Eastern Orthodox Clergy, the Arizona Walk for Missions Committee and the event's sponsors.

Walker Signature: _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____

For participants younger than 18 years old

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I cannot participate in this year's Arizona Walk for Missions, but please accept my gift of:

☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$_____ Checks payable to **PROJECT MEXICO**

(Fill out below to receive a tax deductible charitable donation receipt)

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MAY 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Holy Pascha 1:00pm Easter Agapi/Love Vespers	2	3	4	5 7:00pm Choir	6	7
8 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Mother's Day	9 7:00pm Parish Council	10	11	12 7:00pm Choir	13	14 8:00am Annual Walk for Missions Kiwanis Park, Tempe
15 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy IOCC Offering	16	17	18	19 7:00pm Choir	20	21
22 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Spring General Assembly	23 6:30pm Philoptochos	24	25	26 7:00pm Choir	27	28
29 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	30 Memorial Day (Church office closed)	31				

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TAPESTRY DOWN RACE EVENT
MAY 14, 2016

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THERE IS AN ADMITTANCE FEE OF
\$1.00 PER PERSON TO THE GRANDSTAND (2 CASH PRIZES)
REFRESHMENTS AT 4:00 P.M.

THE TAPESTRY DOWN MAIN EVENT WILL FOLLOW WITH
THE PARADE OF HORSES AND THE RACE
THIS YEAR'S PURSE WILL BE AN ASTRONOMICAL
\$30.00 FOR THE FASTEST HORSE
HORSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP (SEE BACK)

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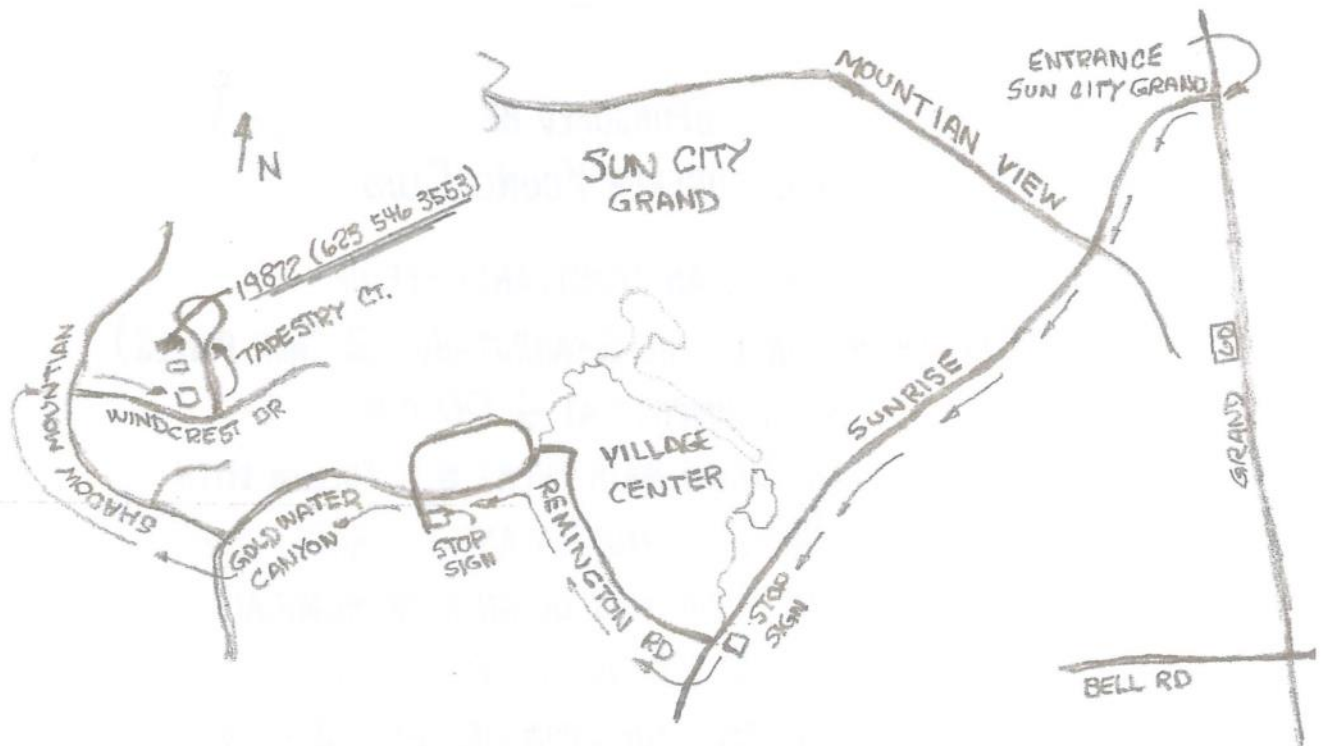
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RSVP BY **MAY 7, 2016**

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the entries in the race,
Please contact one of your host.

Please give as soon as possible, the Horse Owners official name,
the name of the jockey, the name of your horse and who sired the
horse, the name of your farm, and the country where your farm is
located. If you have any questions regarding this, call one of your
host.

There is a \$5.00 entry fee per horse. This will be the purse given
to the winning horse.



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