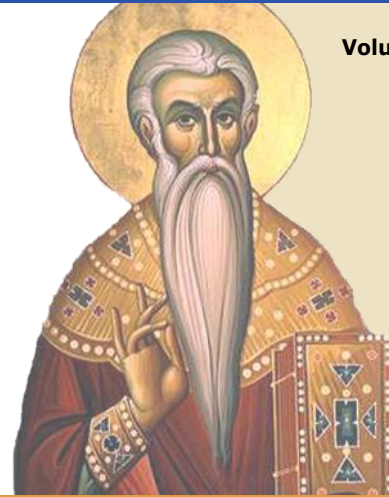


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St. Haralambos' Parish Council is hosting a

SPRING FLING!



May 12, 2018 at 4pm

**Join us for Good Food,
Kid's Games, and Bingo!**

Menu includes:
Shish-Kabobs, Rice Pilaf,
Salad, and Dessert

Adults 10.00 and Kids 5.00



Stewardship

Have you become a Steward of Saint Haralambos Church?

The goal for 2018 is to have all parish families become Good Stewards of Saint Haralambos Church. This means carefully completing the 2018 Stewardship brochure, making sure your family information is correct, making a financial pledge for the year, and becoming involved in parish ministries.

When we recognize that everything we have: health, wealth, time and talents, are all gifts from God, there should be no hesitation in using those gifts to build up His Church and to glorify His name. To exercise good stewardship is to use God's gifts in ways that glorify Him and build up His Church. This means using our gifts for the benefit of others, giving a portion of our time and treasure

for the strengthening of the Church. When a person realizes his dependency on God's blessings, sharing them with others and through His Church is a very natural and joyful response.

If needed, new/blank Stewardship brochures are available on Sundays.



Perryville Prison Crochet Ministry



We are in need of donations of yarn in support of the Crochet Ministry at Perryville Prison in Goodyear. All yarn collected is taken to the prison each month, and the women from several of the units get together and create beautiful baby blankets, hats and slippers, as well as stuffed animals and toys (see above photo) which are then donated to Phoenix Children's Hospital and Maggie's House to benefit the children and families they serve.

Yarn can be dropped off Monday-Friday 10 am – 3 pm, or after Sunday services. The donation box is in the observation area where refreshments are served on Sunday morning.

Missions Possible

The annual appeal to raise funds for the Missions Department of our Metropolis runs from the beginning of Lent through Pentecost Sunday. The "Missions Possible" campaign (formerly "Mochas for Missions") helps to grow

Orthodoxy in America and everyone is encouraged to help by offering what they can each Sunday in the collection cups on the tables in the Fellowship Room.

Book Sale

The 2nd Annual Used-book Sale will be taking place at our church during the months of June – August. If you have any used books, CD's or DVD's no longer being used, please consider donating them for our sale.



Summer Camp

All Saints Camp, for youth ages 8 to 18 from all Orthodox Christian parishes, is scheduled to be held Jun. 3 – 9 at Whispering Pines Camp in Prescott. The days are filled with Arts and Crafts, Orthodox Life, Music and a variety of outdoor sports and games.



To register, visit www.allsaintscamparizona.org today!



Holy Pentecost

“Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of truth, present everywhere and filling all things; treasury of blessing and Giver of Life, come and abide with us, cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Gracious One.”

This great prayer to the Holy Spirit, prayed at the beginning of nearly every service of the Orthodox Church, is taken from Chapter 15 of St. John’s Gospel, which reads, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

Our Lord Jesus Christ was speaking to his disciples and preparing them for his impending crucifixion and death. Aware that the grief of the disciples would be great, the Lord offers the solace that can only come from One who has completely overcome the fear of death. Only by our Lord’s ascension and return to the throne of His Father, could He send the Holy Spirit to be with the Church forever, teaching, inspiring and strengthening all who know and follow Christ the Savior.

The Lord promised his disciples that he would not leave them orphans, and that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord’s Resurrection. Immediately after receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples began spreading the Good News of the Resurrected Christ in a variety of languages, traveling many hundreds of miles teaching about Christ, and establishing Church communities.

The Orthodox Church has always understood prayer to be a gift of the Holy Spirit; it is the Spirit that

teaches and encourages us to pray. One interesting point about the icon of Pentecost is that in addition to showing the Holy Spirit descending on to the heads of the disciples as tongues of flame, there is another figure at the bottom center, holding a white cloth. This figure represents the human race, who is surrounded in darkness representing sin and evil.

He is holding a cloth which has several scrolls laying on it. These represent the teachings of the apostles as they prepare to go forth and begin spreading the Good

News. The feast of Pentecost, then, is not just about the descent of the Holy Spirit, but about the great work of the apostles once they received the Spirit. God and Man working together to accomplish the divine Will of the Father, is the greatest work human beings can aspire to. The feastday of Pentecost is the beginning of this awesome relationship.

This year, the feastday of Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday, May 27.

Pentecost Sunday is always preceded by a Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy on the previous day. Koliva is prepared by any families wishing to do so, and names of the departed may be placed on the memorial table so they can be read during the service.

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit continue to fill our hearts and souls with the love of God the Father and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Worship

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

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St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Sunday, Apr. 15 and the following commitments were discussed and voted on:

National

- International Orth. Christian Charities \$300
- Holy Cross (Lenten Event): \$250
- Sisterhood of St. Basil Academy \$25
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship \$50
- 75th Anniversary Founder's Fund \$25

Metropolis

- Kids 'n' Cancer \$500

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to fulfill our commitments and support these very worthy causes.

How You Can Help

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour. Please see

Anna Kinniburgh to sign up.

- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- Shop at the Deli/Bake Sales.
- Link your Fry's card to the Fry's Community Rewards Program. (See or call Stella Pagos, 623-975-0027, for more information on how to participate.)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6 at 12 pm.



Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

April

- 1: Palm Sunday Fish Lunch
- 8: Easter Pot Luck
- 15: Philoptochos
- 22: Philoptochos
- 29: Available

May

- 6: Nick & Robyn Pappas
- 13: Available
- 20: Available
- 27: Available



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

Name Days

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

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

Birthdays



- Christian Gheorghe (3)
- Mihail Balog (5)
- 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 Zafiroopoulos (22)
- Yiorgos Papamatheakis (23)
- Genet Tesfay (23)
- Alexis Dicks (25)
- Anita Calivas (26)
- Katherine Stithem (26)
- Ann Morley (28)
- Barbara Hartsel (29)
- Anna Balog (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.

1ST ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY | MAY 11, 2018

Starfire Golf Club | Scottsdale



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



8:00 AM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

7:00 am Check-In

Course located at 15500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale 85260

\$100 PER GOLFER

(If paid by May 1st | \$125 after deadline)

Includes lunch and goodie bags

Mulligan packages and raffle prize tickets will be available at the course

Bring a full foursome or we can add you to one!

AWARD LUNCHEON FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

1:00 pm at Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

(Non-golfers encouraged to attend @ \$25/person)

RSVP by MAY 1, 2018

office@assumptionaz.org | 480-991-3009



ALL SAINTS CAMP

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7:00pm Choir	4	5
6 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	7 6:30pm Philoptochos	8	9	10 7:00pm Choir	11 8:00am All Saints Camp Golf Tournament	12 4:00pm "Spring Fling" Family BBQ
13 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	14	15	16	17 9:00am Divine Liturgy Ascension of the Lord 7:00pm Choir	18	19
20 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	21 9:00am Divine Liturgy Sts. Constantine and Helen	22	23	24 7:00pm Choir	25	26 9:00am Divine Liturgy Saturday of Souls
27 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Holy Pentecost Sunday	28 Church Office Closed	29	30	31 7:00pm Choir		