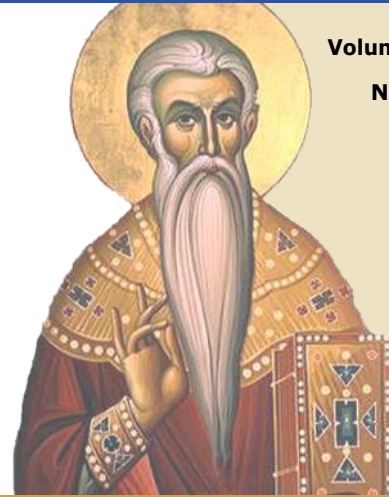


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## Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
Psalm 107:1



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

October brought us to an evening of enjoyment at the AZ Broadway Dinner Theatre to see the fantastic musical, "Funny Girl", on Sunday, Oct. 23. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday, Nov. 12 "OPA" ministry at Holy Trinity will be having their 35th Anniversary Celebration at the James A. Speros Community Center. Tickets are; adults - \$40; teens - \$20; children - \$10; for more information contact: sannos@cox.net or sandymeris@yahoo.com. On the same evening, St. Katherine's in Chandler, will be having an evening of "Jazz", please contact the church office for more details. I would like to wish you & yours a very "Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving"

The Arizona Winds Concert Band will be performing on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 pm, their Holiday concert will be held at Midwestern University on 59th Ave., just north of Union Hills. As always try to get there early to get a good parking spot, as it is well attended.

On Dec. 10 the AHEPA #219 will have their annual Christmas Gala, proceeds from which go to provide scholarships to many deserving youths from our communities. Please see flyer on page 11 for information.



January brings the "Agape Ball/Kids with Cancer Camp Agape" fundraiser! Please either - DONATE, SPONSOR A CHILD, HELP SET-UP, OR VOLUNTEER AT CAMP! THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT! The date has been set for January. More details to follow.

Do not miss out on these very well attended affairs! Please notify me; I can be reached at: juliekaroutas@gmail.com or 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. As always, a quick response is greatly appreciated.

## Orthodox Outreach & Evangelism Retreat Holy Trinity Cathedral, Nov. 4 - 5

**Presented by:** Fr Demetrius Nicoloudakis of St. Matthew Greek Orthodox Church in Blandon, PA

**Retreat Theme:** The Local Parish as the Embassy of the Kingdom to the World

- What is the Gospel message & to whom is it given?
- Is the Orthodox Church inwardly or outwardly focused?
- How do we begin to manifest the presence of Christ by reaching outside of our walls to bring others into the Kingdom of God?
- How do we create an environment for repentance and healing?

### Retreat Format:

- Friday evening: Paraklesis service will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed by social time and opening remarks.
- Saturday morning: Matins will begin at 9:30 AM followed by Brunch and workshops; we will enjoy a working lunch and wrap-up by 3:00 PM.

**Suggested Donation:** \$10/person

## Special Anniversary Celebration

December 3, 2016

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Fr. Michael's 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 pm.

Mark your calendar and bring your family for an enjoyable afternoon celebrating this milestone in Fr. Michael's life.





## We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessings

The month of November has two religious celebrations, one found in the bible, and the other found in our nation's history. The first, the feastday of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple, is celebrated each year on the 21st of November, commemorating that moment when, as a young child, the blessed Theotokos was brought to the temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna.

This was to fulfill a promise they made to God in thanksgiving for her birth. Joachim and Anna were unable to conceive children, yet were both told by angels of God that their prayers were heard, and that they would be soon become parents. When Mary was three years old, she was brought to the temple to be consecrated to God.

Celebrated shortly after this feastday, we come to the American religious holiday of Thanksgiving celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday in November.

Having lost nearly half of their group the first year to the harshness of winter and lack of food, the pilgrims set aside a day of feasting and prayer in thanks to Almighty God the following year for having survived with the help of native American Indians.

November is the Thanksgiving month within the Church and in American society; a wonderful time for us to count our blessings, and to be

thankful for all that God has given to us.

What is one very practical and helpful way to thank God for our blessings? To think about sharing with others, to help others with needs greater than our own may not be the first thought that comes to mind, but is a wonderful way to let God know that we are thankful, enough so that we pass that love on to others.

That does require a bit of humility, doesn't it? In our minds, we know that there are countless number of people – men, women and children – who are in need of basic comforts such as food and shelter. It is something else, though, to act on what we know; to put knowledge and prayer into action. But this is the Christian response to God's love – passing it along. It's also such a wonderful way to thank God – to pass it along!

If someone gave you a gift, and you enjoy it so much you just have to share it with someone else, you not only bring happiness to a third person, you honor the friend who gave you the gift in the first place. A very moving example is recorded in the 3rd chapter of the New Testament Book of Acts (Acts 3:1-8) involving the apostles Peter and John:

"Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb

was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he,

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*And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*

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leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God."

Give from what you have! Are you thankful to God for his blessings, his great mercy and love? Pass it along; give to others out of love, expecting nothing back. You bring joy to another human being, and you are saying 'thank you' to God by extending that love to others.



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### Sunday Worship

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

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### Hours

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### Parish Council

Marina Finch  
Dennis Georgen  
Kathie Harvey

Russ Skocypec



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

As we have for the past several years, during the month of November, we're collecting food for ten needy families served by the Peoria Community Action Agency. We can use everyone's help in donating turkeys, canned and boxed foods for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Volunteers are needed on Monday, Nov. 21 at 11 am to help sort food and prepare and the boxes for pickup. Donation sign-ups will be Sundays during Coffee Hour.



## Fall General Assembly

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Fall General Assembly scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 20, in our Fellowship Room. This is an opportunity to hear and discuss issues affecting the

future of our parish. Our Philoptochos will be preparing and serving lunch for everyone. The General Assembly agenda and proposed 2017 parish budget will be mailed separately.

## Food Handling Card

For all Festival Volunteers who will be handling food in one of the booths, we will be holding food handling card training on Dec. 3 at 9 am in the church social hall (same as last year). The cost is \$14 cash

(exact amount preferred) or check. People who have less than 6 months remaining on their current card can also attend and renew. Please see Zoe in the church office to sign up.

## Serving on the Parish Council

Not everyone has the gift of leadership. But when leadership is looked at in terms of service, perhaps more would be willing to respond to this special call of parish leadership.

There are many opportunities to serve in the Church, one of which is serving on the Parish Council. The Parish Council, together with the Parish Priest, has the authority and responsibility to administer the parish, in accordance with the Archdiocese Uniform Parish Regulations, the parish by-laws, along with the Mission and Vision of St. Haralambos Church.

Service on the Parish Council does carry responsibility, but it is shared among all the members. The Saint Haralambos Parish Council has nine seats, each with a two-year term of office. Council members

meet at least once each month to discuss current and future administrative needs of our Church.

Parish Council elections are in December each year, this year on Sunday, Dec. 11. Nominations for candidates are accepted at the Fall General Assembly, this year on Sunday, Nov. 20. (nomination form can be found on page 8) All eligible candidates must attend a Parish Council Seminar led by Fr. Michael on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm.

If you have the desire to serve our parish in this capacity, fill out the Nomination Form and either send to the church office, or give it to Jean Baxter, Nominations Committee Chair, during Sunday Coffee Hour.

## Community Christmas Card

We will again be providing parishioners the opportunity to send Christmas greetings with a beautiful full-color icon greeting card to all our parish families. For each family name, the cost is just \$10. Please print your name clearly, exactly as you would like it to appear on the card. You may mail this form to the church office or sign up on Sundays during the Coffee Hour. Please make checks payable to: St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church. **The deadline is Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.**

Please include my family's name in this year's Community Christmas Card.

Enclosed is my check for \$10.

(Please return to the church office)

Names (please print clearly)

## Birthdays



Maria Maniatis (1)  
Dan Milonas (2)  
Thomas Papazoglou (2)  
Argyro Vasquez (3)  
Annette Karones (5)  
Marina Finch (8)  
Julie Karoutas (8)  
Toula New (8)  
Stavros Papadakis (11)  
Lali Mekvabishvili (12)  
Joan Bryson (16)  
Irene Stratos (17)  
Nicholas Stoia (18)  
Mary Dascalos (19)  
Judy Jolly (19)  
Brittany Retsinas (20)  
Sarah Christenson, II (21)  
George Macrides (21)  
Kadence Kelly (23)  
George Stratos (24)  
Madison Nicholas (25)  
Nikolas Panousopoulos (25)  
Markos Papamatheakis (27)  
Dean Milonas (28)  
Kristin Pallad (28)  
Madison Fredericksen (30)  
Estelle Lazzelle (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.

## Council of Ministries Meeting

All leaders of parish ministries will be meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 15 to discuss plans, needs and goals of the

various ministries. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room.

## Leadership Positions Needed

The Parish Council is asking for qualified and interested parishioners to consider applying for the following three Ministry Leadership Positions: Building Manager, Kitchen Manager and Grounds Manager. Each of these positions require oversight for more efficient operation. We want to be good stewards of our land,

buildings and equipment.

The Position Descriptions (page 7) list the various responsibilities for each. Please contact Dennis Georgen, Parish Council President for further information or questions.



## Parish Christmas Concert

### 2nd Annual Parish Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 17

Come and listen to the wonderful talent in our parish at the Second Annual Christmas Concert, Saturday evening Dec. 17 at 7 pm. Musicians offering a variety of Christmas selections with voice and instruments. There is no cost for the program. Bring the family and friends. Refreshments afterwards.

## Parish Family Directory

Sign-up for a time to have your family photographed for the 2017 Saint Haralambos Parish Family Directory. There is no charge, either for families or the Church. Each family that is photographed will also receive a complementary 8x10 photo, along with the Parish Directory when it is finished next Spring.

Sign-ups will begin this month both during Coffee Hour and on-line. Don't miss out, get your family together and sign up for a time that works with your schedule. Photography dates and times

are from Wednesday, Dec. 7 - Saturday, Dec. 10. More information is available on pages 9-10 and in the Sunday bulletins.

A promotional graphic for a family portrait session. It features a collage of family photos on the left. The text on the right says "Be a part of our family album" and "PORTRAIT SIGN-UP". At the bottom, it says "Online Scheduling for your portrait session" and includes the "Life Touch" logo with the tagline "Connecting You through Family Photography".



## Veteran's Day

In honor of Veteran's Day, a special prayer service for US service men and women will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. All active and retired military veterans are welcome to attend services in uniform.



## St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do."*  
Ephesians 2:10

The October Philoptochos meeting was held on the 3rd and members voted to contribute \$75 toward the National Philoptochos Emergency Fund which enables Philoptochos to respond immediately to national or international disasters.

**New Membership Drive** - We are currently recruiting and welcome new members to join our society of charitable giving. We encourage questions and attendance at our monthly meetings. If you are interested in helping but do not have the time to become a regular member, you can enroll in our CALL ME ONCE program where you will be contacted to volunteer just one time during the year! Contact me or any Philoptochos member for more information.

**Make a Difference Day** - Our Society recently partnered with Sunday School teachers and leaders to support the Archdiocese of America and Philoptochos Chapters nationwide in Make a Difference Day. The goal is to engage in a "cross-generational" initiative that teaches children to do their own good deeds and to

make a difference in the world. We participated by coordinating this effort and our Sunday School children made personalized thank you cards to Veterans for their service. These cards will be sent to our local Veterans Administration hospital for distribution.

**Deli/Bake Sale** - Our next deli/bake sale will be hosted on Nov. 6 during coffee hour and will feature delicious homemade paximadia. Stop by, stock up, and support our society to help us meet the many philanthropic commitments we have.

**Feed the Hungry** - Thank you to all who continue to contribute to feeding the needy and less fortunate! Our drive is ongoing and benefits our community by donating nonperishable food items to our local food pantry.

**Coffee Hour Hosting** - Thank you to all who continue to support and host our weekly coffee hour! We are always looking for volunteers to retain this tradition of sharing and stewardship. The sign-up sheet is located on the wall outside the kitchen.

**Next meeting** - Please mark your calendars for our next meeting, Nov. 7 at 6:30 pm. Join us and, if you aren't already a member, please consider becoming part of our society of altruism, Christian love, and deeds!

## Name Days

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

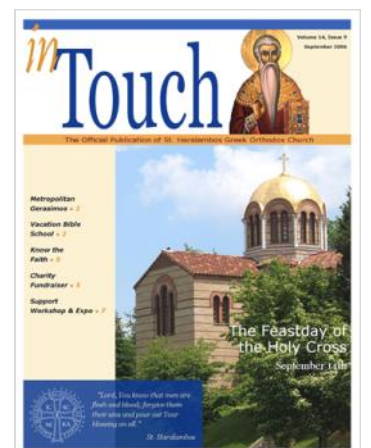
SS. Cosmas and Damian (1st)  
St. Nektarios (9th)  
St. Theodore (11th)  
St. John Chrysostom (13th)  
St. Philip (14th)  
St. Gregory (14th)  
St. Theodora (15th)  
St. Matthew (16th)  
St. Philemon (22nd)  
St. Katherine (25th)  
St. Andrew (30th)

## In Touch Newsletter Distribution

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

If you are not receiving the eBulletin or need to change your email address, contact the church office at [StHaralambos@QwestOffice.net](mailto:StHaralambos@QwestOffice.net).

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



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**Position Description: Building Manager**

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Reporting to the Parish Council, the Building Manager has overall responsibility for managing all building operations through hands-on leadership and delegation of assignments and projects. Responsible for maintenance, cleaning, and upkeep of the building to include sanctuary, common areas, classrooms, kitchen, Fellowship Room and lavatories. Responsible for monitoring and performing routine inspections of all areas and various systems within the building (in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules). Develops and promotes good working relationships with other parish leadership and community.

**TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Oversees the overall cleanliness and maintenance of the facility and equipment, maintaining a high standard of safety and efficiency.
2. Inspects building and equipment to ascertain required maintenance and repairs, (in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules).
3. Manages all phases of building maintenance, determines required resources and develops project teams.
4. Monitors the work of contracted cleaning services; addresses concerns as necessary.
5. Establishes a maintenance request intake process and prioritizes work orders as needed
6. Assists in energy management strategies
7. Maintains a working knowledge of facility operations including electrical, water, (exterior surfaces: paint, stucco, etc.), controls and heating and ventilation/ AC (HVAC), systems and related equipment.
8. Assists all emergency operations
9. Responsible for set up of building facilities related to Divine services, classrooms, organizational meetings, special events.
10. Prepares and submits Building Maintenance budget requests to Parish Council in August each year.

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**Position Description: Grounds Manager**

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Reporting to the Parish Council, the Grounds Manager has overall responsibility for managing Parish grounds through hands-on leadership and delegation of assignments and projects. Responsible for maintenance, cleaning, and upkeep of Parish grounds to include exterior of the building, parking lot, driveways and walkways, playground and fields. Responsible for monitoring and performing routine inspections of all areas and various systems external of the building. Develops and promotes good working relationships with other parish leadership and community.

**TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Oversees the overall cleanliness and maintenance of parish grounds and related equipment including irrigation and landscaping, maintaining a high standard of safety and efficiency.
2. Inspects building and grounds to ascertain required maintenance and repairs, in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules.
3. Manages all phases of external grounds maintenance, determines required resources and develops project teams.
4. Monitors the work of contracted landscapers and other workers; addresses concerns as necessary, and in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules.
5. Establishes a maintenance request intake process and prioritizes work orders as needed
6. Assists in water management strategies
7. Maintains a working knowledge of grounds-keeping operations including electrical, landscaping, irrigation controls and related equipment.
8. Assists all emergency operations
9. Responsible for set up of grounds related to special events.
10. Prepares and submits Grounds-keeping Maintenance budget requests to Parish Council in August each year.

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**Position Description: Kitchen Manager**

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Reporting to the Parish Council, the Kitchen Manager has overall responsibility for managing all kitchen operations through hands-on leadership and delegation of assignments and projects. Responsible for maintenance, cleaning, and upkeep of the kitchen. Responsible for monitoring and performing routine inspections. Develops and promotes good working relationships with other parish leadership and community.

**TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Oversees the overall cleanliness and maintenance of the Kitchen maintaining a high standard of safety, sanitation, and efficiency.
2. Inspects kitchen equipment to ascertain required maintenance and repairs, working together with weekly cleaning company.
3. Establishes weekly cleaning protocols, monthly cleaning schedule, and assigns deep cleaning tasks, working together with weekly cleaning company.
4. Manages all related inventory and determines storage requirements, ensures rotation procedures are followed and overstocking is not occurring.
5. Provides oversight in the preparation and coordinates serving of food, complying with all applicable health department requirements.
6. Oversight of cleanliness and storage of equipment and proper storage of food, maintaining good housekeeping practices in all areas of the kitchen.
7. Establishes check out protocols for kitchen equipment used in festival preparations.
8. Checks all freezers and refrigerators, maintaining proper settings.
9. Oversight of kitchen supplies and equipment that may be stored outside of kitchen.
10. Prepares and submits Kitchen Maintenance budget requests to Parish Council in August each year.

**APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY  
FOR ELECTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Cell Phone

desire to serve the Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church of Peoria, Arizona, for a two-year term, beginning in January, 2017.

I certify that I am a parishioner in Good Standing as stated in Article 18 of the 2007 Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and that my parish stewardship commitment is current. Further I certify that I will attend the Parish Council Seminar which is scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm, and if elected, will take the Oath of Office as stated in Article 26 of the Regulations, and finally

I certify that I am ecclesiastically in order and that:

- A.I have been Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Orthodox Christian Church.
- B.If married, I have had my Marriage blessed in the Orthodox Church.
- C.I participate in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion.
- D.I participate in the Divine Services, and observe Fast Days.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Candidacy Application Received:

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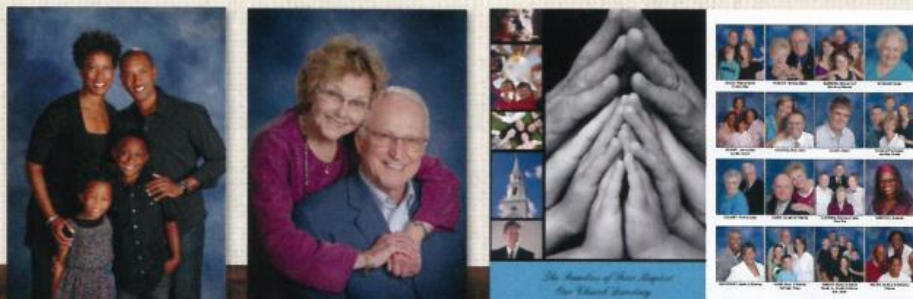


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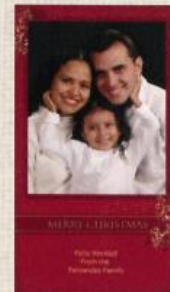


## Be yourself

Classic, casual, musical, sporty  
or fun—it's up to you!



## Great gifts



"We invited our family to our portrait session!"

## Bring special items and special people

- Invite grandparents and other family members/loved ones to join your portrait sitting (even if they are not members)
- Bring meaningful items that express your individuality: sports equipment, musical instruments, hobby items, special toys or books





# Christmas Gala Glendi

2016

Saturday, December 10, 2016  
6pm to Midnight

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
James A. Speros Community Center  
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# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Sts. Cosmas and Damian</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00pm The Way Adult Education Class	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Philoptochos	<b>8</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Holy Archangels</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. Nektarios</b> 6:00pm The Way Adult Education Class	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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