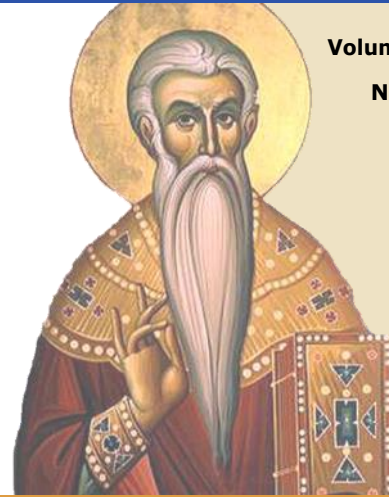


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God has blessed
us for the past 30 years,
let's make a day of real

Thanksgiving

Parish 30th Anniversary
Saturday, November 4
Family BBQ, Games and Prizes

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

Adult Religious Education

The Journey to Fullness classes together with Orthodox Christian ministry presentations continue this month on

Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. See topics for this month below.

Date	Track A: A Journey to Fullness	Track B: Orthodox Christian Ministries
Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm	Session 7: Truth and Tradition	Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm	Session 8: How Do I Understand the Bible?	Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm	Session 9: When We Say God (Part 1)	International Orthodox Christian Charities
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm	Session 10: When We Say God (Part 2)	Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration

Church Music Institute

Choir members from our sister Greek Orthodox parishes from throughout the state of Arizona will be joining us for day of fellowship and choral music on Saturday, Nov. 18. We will be hosting a Church Music Institute, and welcome Dr. Tikey Zes of San Jose, California, as guest facilitator. The theme for the Institute is, "The Eight Resurrectional Apolytikia."

The Institute will include music read-throughs, choir and director instruction, lunch and fellowship. Not a member of the choir? The institute is open to all parishioners who have a love of church choral music. There is no cost to attend.



Fall General Assembly

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Fall General Assembly scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 19, in the 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.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of November, we will be 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. 20 at 11 am to help sort food and prepare and the family food boxes for pickup. Donation sign-ups are on Sundays during Coffee Hour.

Veteran's Day

In honor of Veteran's Day, a special prayer service for U.S. service men and women will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. All active and retired military veterans are welcome to attend services in uniform.





The Thanksgiving Holiday

With the celebration of our parish 30th Anniversary this month, falling so close to the Thanksgiving holiday, it seemed appropriate to take a brief look back and recall the establishment of Thanksgiving in our country.

The first Thanksgiving celebration was probably held in 1621, about 11 years after Pilgrims had first arrived in Virginia. It wasn't until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln declared the third Thursday of November would become a national day of thanksgiving. The final paragraph of his proclamation reads:

“It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father Who dwelleth in the heavens.”

Having the Thanksgiving Day celebration just a month prior to Christmas makes for a six-week holiday season prior to the close of the year that is focused on God's many blessings. The Nativity season for the Orthodox Church calendar begins on November 15th, and prescribes, as it does prior to all major feasts, fasting as part of our preparation.

Fasting may not be on top of most people's minds during Thanksgiving, but it would sure help with that

over-stuffed feeling most of us come away with after eating our family feast. Our bodies and our souls would both be grateful if we were to focus our attention more on giving thanks than only on how much food our plates and stomachs can hold. With the tradition of eating turkey or ham for Thanksgiving, a general dispensation of allowing meat for Thanksgiving is understood for this holiday.

Holy Scripture is filled with references to God's people offering thanks. This is more than a courtesy; it is a need common to all people of faith. Realizing that all blessings are

not simply good fortune but come down from our Father in Heaven, should keep the thought of offering thanks at the tip of our tongue throughout the year, and in every season.

There is a story of a Scottish minister, Alexander Whyte, who was known for his uplifting prayers in the pulpit. He always found something for which to be grateful. One Sunday morning the weather was so gloomy that one church member remarked, "Certainly the preacher won't think of anything for which to thank the Lord on a wretched day like this." Much to his surprise, however, Whyte began by praying, "We thank Thee, O God, that not all days are as miserable as this."

In our own words, together with those whom we love, let us offer thanks to God for His many blessings on Thanksgiving Day. He is our God, and we are His people. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 136)

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Sunday Worship

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

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Marina Finch Nardos Russom
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Birthdays



- Maria Maniatis (1)
- Dan Milonas (2)
- Thomas Papazoglou (2)
- Argyro Vasquez (3)
- Annette Karones (5)
- Marina Finch (8)
- Julie Karoutas (8)
- Maria Lafayette (8)
- Joan Bryson (16)
- Irene Stratos (17)
- Nicholas Stoia (18)
- Mary Dascalos (19)
- Judy Jolly (19)
- Brittany Retsinas (20)
- George Macrides (21)
- Maria Stoia (22)
- Kadence Kelly (23)
- George Stratos (24)
- 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.

Parish Council Ministry

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. 10. Nominations for candidates are accepted at the Fall General Assembly, Sunday, Nov. 19. (Nomination Form can be found on page 6)

All eligible candidates must attend a Parish Council Seminar led by Fr. Michael on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm. If you have the desire to serve our parish in this capacity, please complete the Nomination Form and return it to the church office.

News from Sister Orthodox Parishes

All are welcome to attend a Family Wellness Conference on Friday – Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, hosted by Holy Trinity, Phoenix. This conference features three knowledgeable and gifted clinicians: Mr. George Papageorge, a Marriage and Family Therapist who will discuss the topic of Parenting; Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, the Director of the Ministry and Marriage and Family Therapist who will speak on the topic of Marriage; and Fr. Tom Tsagalakis, a Marriage and Family Therapist who will speak on the topic of Addiction. For further information and to register for the conference, please visit www.familywellnessministry.org

Parishioners from Saint Ignatius Antiochean Orthodox Church in Mesa

invite all to an Advent Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 am. The retreat master is Fr. John Finley who will be speaking on the theme: The Healing of the Heart, Mind and Will According to St. Nicolai of Zica. Further information and registration is available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/sNTdp12B8SB3LcKi1>.

Parishioners of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Chandler invite everyone to their parish 35th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Nov. 11. 5 pm Cocktails, 6 pm Dinner and Dancing. Tickets are \$50 and reservations are required. Please call Elaine Hatupis at 480-845-9903 or the church office at 480-899-3330 for further information.

Name Days

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

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

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Oct. 2 and the following commitments were discussed and voted on:

- National: Ecumenical Patriarchate \$25
- National Sisterhood of Presvyteres \$25

A number of events will be on our agenda as we look forward to the month of November. We are again partnering with the city of Peoria and in particular, The Peoria Community Action Program. Starting on Nov. 5 our Philoptochos volunteers will be seeking donors for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Please help us fill these baskets to the brim for the benefit of needy families in our community.

Our November Deli/Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12 and we are now able to accept credit card payment. Due to the upcoming holidays we will be

preparing a wider than usual selection of goodies for your enjoyment and gift-giving. Besides our popular cookies, we are also featuring 8" X 8" pans of frozen spanakopita ready to be baked in your oven. Since quantities will be limited, you are welcome to order in advance by calling Stella at 623-975-0027.

How You Can Help

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour. Please see Anna Kinneburgh to sign up.
- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- Shop at this month's Deli/Bake Sale, Sunday, Nov. 12th.
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.
- 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, Nov. 5 at 12 noon.



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. 4, 2017.**

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)



**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, 2018.

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 Tuesday, Dec. 5 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:

Date Time By

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am Divine Liturgy Sts. Cosmas and Damian 6:00pm A Journey to Fullness Session 7	2 7:00pm Choir	3	4 3:00pm 30th Anniversary BBQ
5 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	6 6:30pm Philoptochos	7 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	8 9:00am Divine Liturgy Holy Archangels 6:00pm A Journey to Fullness Session 8	9 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Nectarios 7:00pm Choir	10	11 Veterans Day
12 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	13 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. John Chrysostom	14 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	15 6:00pm A Journey to Fullness Session 9	16 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Mathew 7:00pm Choir	17	18 9:00am Church Music Institute
19 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fall General Assembly	20	21 9:00am Divine Liturgy The Entrance of the Theotokos 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	22	23 Thanksgiving Day (office closed)	24	25
26 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	27	28 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	29 6:00pm A Journey to Fullness Session 10	30 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Andrew 7:00pm Choir		