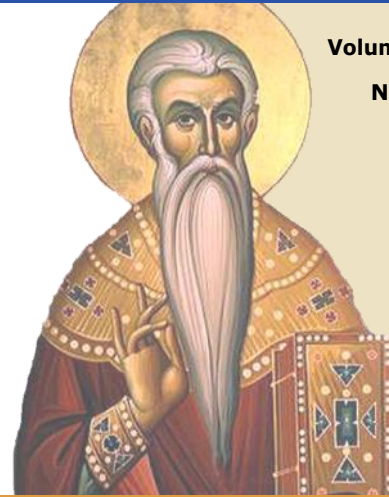


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Commemoration of the  
**Archangels Michael and Gabriel**  
and all the Heavenly Host  
Thursday, November 8



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

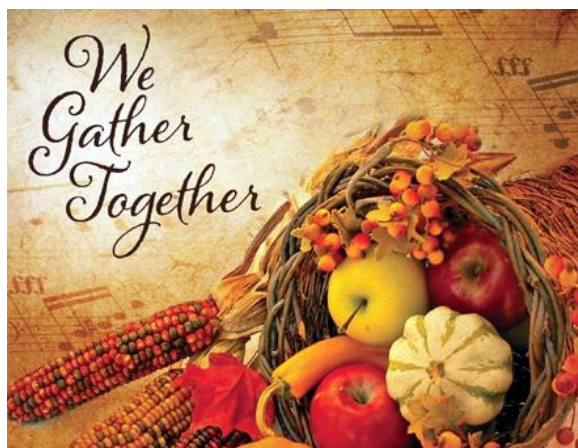
# We Gather Together

Our family grew up singing the following beautiful Thanksgiving carol, “We Gather Together” each year. If the melody is unfamiliar, search for it on YouTube or as at your local music store. Happy Thanksgiving to All!

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



## Operation Christmas Child

The week of November 12-19, St. Haralambos Church will be serving as the northwest valley drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child. We will be receiving shoe boxes packed with Christmas gifts to be sent to children in various countries throughout the world.

A project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child, a Christian philanthropic and evangelism ministry, has been sending Christmas shoe boxes and spreading the Christian gospel for the past 25 years.

Further information can be found at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) or by contacting Judy Morely after church on Sundays.



## Parish Council Ministry

There are many opportunities to serve the Church, one of which is serving on the Parish Council. The Parish Council, together with the Parish Priest, has the authority and sacred 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.

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 the Church.

Parish Council elections will be held on Sun., Dec. 2 for six (6) open seats. All candidates must be nominated. Nomination forms were emailed last month, and additional nominations will be accepted at the Fall General Assembly, Sun., Nov. 4.

All eligible candidates must attend a Parish Council Seminar led by Fr. Michael on Wed., Nov. 14 at 7 pm.

## Perryville Prison Crochet Ministry

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate yarn for the Perryville Prison Crochet Ministry! The women depend on our donations to continue their ministry. Our parish has become their sponsor, and they are very grateful for giving them the materials to help put their creative skills and talents to good use.

All donated yarn is delivered to the prison each month. Finished items are donated to Phoenix Children's Hospital and Maggie's House to benefit children and families.

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







## The Angelic Host: Ministering Spirits Sent by God

Shortly after our daughter, Alexandra, was born, my grandmother, of blessed memory, would often refer to her as “my angel child.” Like any adoring great-grandmother, she used many other terms of endearment, some in Greek, such as “kouklitsa” (little doll), but it seemed like most of them made some reference to an angel.

Many of us have had the pleasure of knowing an “angel” in our lives, someone with the most pleasing of dispositions, selfless and caring, whose outward appearance and manner are commonly described as angelic.

But angels, as we see throughout the Old and New Testament, are much more than the tranquil and serene spirits usually depicted with flowing white robes, feathery white wings, perhaps playing a golden harp and, of course, a halo above the head. In fact, if we look at virtually every icon screen in Orthodox Churches, the icon of the Archangel Michael is not shown carrying a harp, but a sword!

This month, on Nov. 8 the Orthodox Church commemorates the assembly of the angelic host and its leaders, the archangels Michael and Gabriel. The many and varied biblical accounts of angelic activity remind us that angels are, first and foremost, spirits sent from God to do His bidding. They most often have a message of some kind, and routinely, but not always, take human form to deliver their message.

Angels appearing as three men visited Abraham and Sarah and told them they would soon become parents of a son. To help save Lot and his family

from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, angels appeared in the form of travelers and met with Lot in his home. In the Old Testament prophecy of Isaiah, we read of angels, the six-winged cherubim and seraphim, continuously encircling the throne of God.

In the New Testament, angels minister to our Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before his arrest and trial. It was the archangel Michael who defeated Satan and sent him from heaven, and the archangel Gabriel who was sent to tell the ever-virgin Mary that she would conceive and give birth to a son, the Messiah, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Shepherds beheld the heavenly host of angels praising God at the birth of Jesus.

And, perhaps our most personal connection with angels takes place at the beginning of the Baptismal Sacrament, during which a prayer asks that a guardian angel be joined to the life of the baptismal candidate.

Those adorable little cherubs we see in books or paintings? Ethereal representations of the heavenly host? Merely man’s attempt - some fanciful and others based on recorded visions - at depicting the spiritual realm; but just a tiny sample of God’s heavenly ministers.

As we commemorate the heavenly host this month, let us remember the many and diverse ways angels have interacted with man, sent by God to reveal his divine will throughout time.

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*It was the archangel  
Michael who defeated  
Satan and sent him  
from heaven*

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**St. Haralambos  
Greek Orthodox  
Church**

[www.stharalambos.org](http://www.stharalambos.org)

**Rev. Michael Pallad**

### Sunday Worship

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

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### Hours

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Parish Council

Olga Carlson  
Anna Kinniburgh  
Elizabeth Martell

Paul McGinn  
Nardos Russom  
Solomon Woldesilassie

## Birthdays



Maria Maniatis (1)  
Dan Milonas (2)  
Thomas Papazoglou (2)  
Argyro Vasquez (3)  
Don Henson (4)  
Banna Tesfay (5)  
Kate Savoy (7)  
Marina Finch (8)  
Maria Lafayette (8)  
Lamar Forque (10)  
Cynthia Bingham (12)  
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)  
Gary Duhe (25)  
Nikolas Panousopoulos (25)  
Barbara Hartsel (27)  
Markos Papamatheakis (27)  
Dean Milonas (28)  
Kristin Pallad (28)  
Madison Fredericksen (30)  
Alvin Hollander (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.



## Stewardship

Stewardship statements for the third quarter ending Sep. 30 were sent to all steward families. If you noticed any discrepancy, please call the church office so it can be resolved.

New 2019 Stewardship cards will be available this month. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship of St. Haralambos Church for 2019, in terms of cheerfully giving of your time, talents and treasures.

When we recognize that everything we have: health, wealth, time and talents, are all gifts from God, there should be no

hesitation in offering 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 we realize our dependency on God's divine care and blessings, sharing our gifts from Him with others and through His Church is a very natural and joyful response.

## Fall General Assembly

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Fall General Assembly scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4, 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 2019 parish budget will be sent separately.

## Greek Festival

Thanks to all who are participating and getting involved in the Festival Planning. Your ideas, suggestions and continued involvement are essential ingredients to the success of the Festival. Volunteers are still needed in many areas such as pastry preparations, ground preparations, supplies inventory, ice cream, and children's games, just to name a few. A volunteer sign up sheet is included in this newsletter and sign ups will also take place on Sundays during coffee hour.

A reminder for those of you who will be working a food booth, please be sure to obtain a Food Handler card if you have not already done so. Online classes are available at: [www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler](http://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler)

We are continuing to solicit corporate, business and individual sponsors to offset expenses. If you know of a business owner

or someone who may like to promote their business or name at our Festival, please share the enclosed sponsor letter and form. Forms are also available at the Church. Cash donations as well as in-kind contributions (i.e.: food, supplies, gift cards, raffle/door prizes, etc.) are welcomed and appreciated.

### Upcoming Festival Activities

Nov. 4 - Dance practice following Sunday school

Nov. 28 - Festival Planning meeting at 6:30 pm

Should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, concerns, etc. please contact Pam Lemons at [peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com](mailto:peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com) or call the Church office.

OPA!

## 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. 7 and the following commitments were discussed and voted on:

### National

- National Philoptochos Emergency Fund: \$150
- Ecumenical Patriarchate: \$25
- National Sisterhood of Presvyteres: \$25

### Local

- St. Haralambos 2019 Festival: \$500
- Samaritan's Purse: \$50

We are again partnering with the city of Peoria and in particular, The Peoria Community Action Program. Starting on Sunday, Nov. 4 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 Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, just in time for your Thanksgiving festivities. Since this will be an "Old Fashion Bake Sale", we will be offering a variety of home baked goodies and you are welcome to participate by bringing in your favorite homemade dessert for us to sell.

### Save the Date

AGAPE BALL on Jan. 26, 2019 at Holy Trinity, for the benefit of the Kids N' Cancer program that we support along with the other local Philoptochos chapters. Please put it on your calendar.

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 (Nov. 18).
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.
- Link your Fry's card to the Fry's Community Rewards Program. (Enter the St. Haralambos Church Account number, VJ497, when enrolling.)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 pm.



## Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

### October

- 7: Philoptochos
- 14: Charlotte Servetas & Valla Wrona
- 21: Philoptochos
- 28: Marina Finch & Angie Cholas

### November

- 4: Philoptochos – General Assembly
- 11: Available
- 18: Available
- 25: Available

### December

- 2: Caring Friends
- 9: Parish Counsel – Stewardship Sunday
- 16: Available
- 23: Available
- 30: Available

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



## 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. 19 at 10 am to help sort food and prepare and the family food boxes for pickup. Donation sign-ups are on Sundays during Coffee Hour.

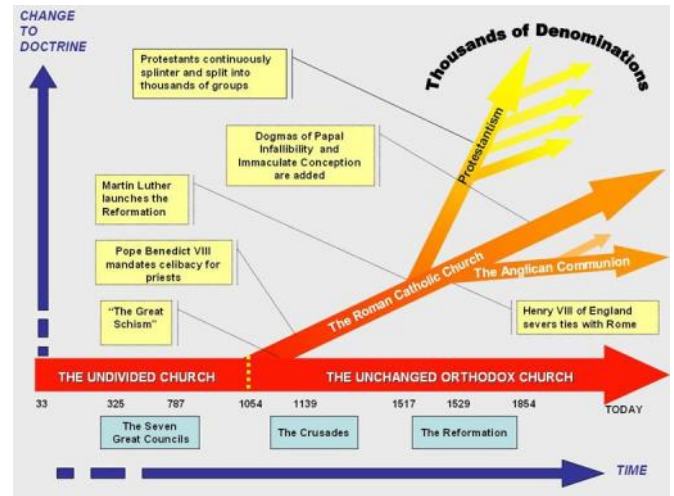




All who are interested in attending a one-day seminar on Strategic Planning on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 am – 2 pm, are asked to RSVP to the church office by phone or email. The seminar will be led by Steve Tibbs parishioner of St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine, California, who is the director of Strategic Planning for the Metropolis of San Francisco.

The Tuesday evening adult education series, *The Way*, continues this month. Each Tuesday evening begins at 6 pm with dinner, followed by the presentation and discussion.

Nov. 6: The Divine Liturgy  
Nov. 20: The Bible, Prayer and Fasting  
Nov. 13: The Holy Mysteries  
Nov. 27: Christian Behavior



HEARTFELT JOY; for all of your love expressed through varied ways, your many, many cards and your unceasing prayers on my behalf. You have been praying for me when I could not pray for myself. Those prayers literally carried me through times of great pain, confusion, and now through the recovery process. I praise our Lord for your faithfulness to Him and so many kindnesses to me and our family.

Elizabeth Martell

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 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018.**

Enclosed is my check for \$10.  
(Please return to the church office)

Names (please print clearly)



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September, 2018

Dear Community Friends,

The 2019 Peoria Greekfest will be held February 8, 9, & 10, 2019 at St Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church located at 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road. The Festival Planning Committee is currently seeking sponsors, donors and raffle/gift items for the event. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce and promote your business.

Celebrating 32 continuous years, the Peoria Greekfest is the only Greek Festival in the greater west/northwest valley and thousands of residents and visitors attend each year. Check out [www.peoriagreekfest.com](http://www.peoriagreekfest.com) for a peek at what the Festival has to offer.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at 623-486-8665 or contact me at [peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com](mailto:peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com).

We hope that you will join us at the 2019 Peoria Greekfest for a spectacular weekend of homemade Greek cuisine, pastries, live entertainment and fun for all ages. OPA!

Sincerely,

Pam Lemons  
Festival Chairman

Encl. 2019 Greekfest Sponsorship Form

**ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Peoria Greek Festival - February 8, 9, 10, 2019

**SPONSORSHIP/DONATION FORM**

Company/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE SPONSORSHIP LEVEL**

Check One	Type	Amount	Benefit
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOLD	\$10,000	Corporate tent Company name/logo in promotional materials Event Sponsorship banner Recognition in event program Verbal recognition during event VIP Parking and 10 dinner tickets (Banner placement determined by event staff.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	SILVER	\$5,000	Company name/logo in all promotional materials Event sponsorship banner Recognition in event program Verbal recognition at the event (Banner placement determined by event staff.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	BRONZE	\$1,000	Event sponsorship banner Recognition in event program (Banner placement determined by event staff.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	OLYMPIAN	\$500	Business card/logo recognition in event program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATHENIAN	\$100	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPARTAN	\$50	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	RAFFLE/DOOR PRIZE DONATION (please specify - food, gift card, etc.)	\$25	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER DONATION	\$ _____	Name recognized in event Program

**Please provide logo or business card in digital format to:**  
**peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com**

**Deadline for inclusion in the event program is January 4, 2019**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!**

**Please return completed form to:**

Attn: Peoria Greekfest

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Peoria, AZ 85383

For tax purposes, St. Haralambos Church Federal Tax ID Number is: 86-0594146



2019 Greek Festival: February 8, 9, & 10  
**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM**

**I am available to work the following booths:**

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|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admissions     | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Bank          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fry Station/Saganaki | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gyros/Souvlaki | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream        | <input type="checkbox"/> Imports/Deli           | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen              | <input type="checkbox"/> Loukoumades  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Food Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastries               | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle/Door Prizes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Runner         | <input type="checkbox"/> Taverna          | <input type="checkbox"/> Floater (where needed) |   |                                       |

Please note physical/other limitations which may inhibit working in a specific area:

**I am available to work the following shifts:**

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| <u>Friday</u>                        | <u>Saturday</u>                      | <u>Sunday</u>                        |
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**I am available to help with the following Pre-Festival and Post-Festival needs:**

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Pastry Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> General Supplies/Inventory/Runner              | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up (week prior to Festival) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/Signage Distribution  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tear down/Clean up (Monday following Festival) |  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your assignment will be confirmed. If you cannot fulfill your assignment,  
please call Desi: 623-363-1859 or the Church office: 623-486-8665.

***Please return this form as soon as possible. Thank you!***

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# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Sts. Cosmas and Damian</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00am Seminar on Strategic Planning
<b>4</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Dance Practice (following Sunday school)	<b>5</b>  6:30pm Philoptochos	<b>6</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:00pm The Way Living the Faith: The Divine Liturgy	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Holy Archangels</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>9</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. Nectarios</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. John Chrysostom</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:00pm The Way Living the Faith: The Holy Mysteries	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. Mathew</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:00pm The Way Living the Faith: Christian Behavior	<b>28</b>  6:30pm Festival Planning	<b>29</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>30</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>St. Andrew</b>	