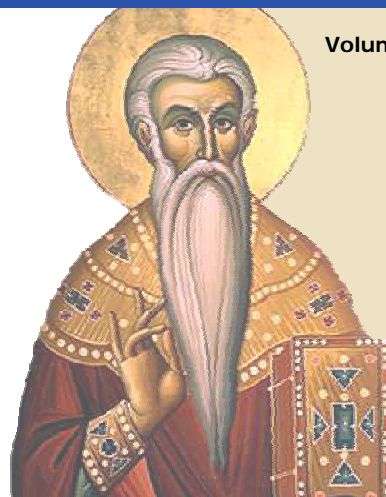


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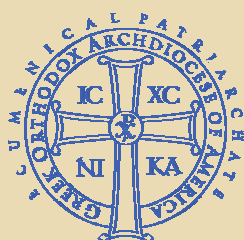
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TASTE OF GREECE



2010 Food & Dance Festival

October 22-24



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



YOUTH NIGHT

Our first Youth Night (Sept. 16) was a lot of fun. The theme "I am the Light" was illustrated by everyone making a multi-colored candle for home use. Games, food, music and prayer all combined for a wonderful evening.

Youth Night this month will be on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 6 pm. All youth through High School are welcome! The evening's activities include games, activities, snacks, music and prayer.

This month we also encourage as many of our young people as possible to help with the festival – there is something to do for everyone!

Next month we'll be going to the Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium on Thursday, Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day). Advance ticket purchase is required (see accompanying article).





Learn to Work Together

There is a story told by Charles Osgood (Osgood Files, broadcast since 1971 on CBS Radio network) of two ladies who lived in a convalescent center. Each had suffered an incapacitating stroke. Margaret's stroke left her left side restricted, while Ruth's stroke damaged her right side. Both of these ladies were accomplished pianists but had given up hope of ever playing again.

Until one day, the director of the convalescent center sat the two of them down, side by side, at a piano and encouraged, rather begged, them to play. Finally, they did. Margaret sat on the right side of the piano bench and played the upper melody while Ruth sat on the left side of the piano bench and played a delightful lower harmony. Together they made beautiful music, and a wonderful friendship developed.

More than just a touching story, it also is a great example of how we as a church family can and should learn to work together. Certain skills or abilities that one person lacks, another can graciously offer. When everyone chips in to do

what they can, we can all work together in harmony!

It shouldn't be too difficult to think of fitting examples in our parish, particularly this month as we host another Greek Festival, the first at our new location. In addition to the regular work-load of baking and food prep, we have a much larger set-up task this year, requiring more set-up time and energy. We'll have on-site parking for the first time, and this will also take more man-power to organize. Signs and flyers need to be distributed to get the word out to the neighborhood that the fantastic Greek Festival they've enjoyed for the past 20+ years has moved north to Pinnacle Peak Road!

Our Festival Committee has been working hard on the preparations, but can really use more hands for set-up, booth volunteers and clean-up after the festival. This festival benefits our church ministries, it promotes good will in the community, and it offers our parish family a great opportunity for good fellowship and making new friends.

It's not a one-man show by any stretch! Have you sent in your volunteer registration form? Fill it out and bring it to church on Sunday. You can hand it to one of the festival co-chairs: Stella Pagos or Pam Lemons, or just leave it in the church office.

We can only have a successful festival when we all step up to volunteer and work together, in harmony, for the benefit of our church. Don't be bashful; if you consider St. Haralambos Church your parish home, please come forward and offer your help. Together we can do so much more for one another – and for our parish.

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Sunday Worship

September - May
Matins: 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

June - August
Matins: 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

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Youth Groups

All are welcome to join us for a fun day at the Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium (16501 W. Northern Ave., Litchfield Park) on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 9:30am. We'll be meeting at the East Entrance.

Group rate tickets must be purchased in advance: Adults are \$15 each (regularly \$27.50) and children are \$8 each (regularly \$14.25).

The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, Nov. 7. Don't be left out – get your tickets early!



Greek Festival

By Pam Lemons, Festival Co-Chairman

The Festival is approaching fast and the crunch time is upon us!

As you are most likely aware, the food preparation is underway thanks to our new friends at Christ Church of the Valley (CCV). If you are interested in helping before, during or after the Festival, please contact Penny Obren as soon as possible. For those of you who are able to volunteer with set up and tear down, please plan on being at the Church Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21 & 22 for set up as well as Monday following the Festival for tear down.

Your Festival Committee has been working diligently these past few months to assure that our 2010 Taste of Greece is bigger and better than ever. The food, beverage and vendors booths, band and

entertainment will be located in the east parking lot. A full carnival provided by Sun Valley Rides will be located in the gravel lot just south of the main Church entrance. Presale carnival armbands are available now in the Church office at a reduced price of \$15. These armbands will be sold at a higher rate once the Festival is open to the public. General parking will be available in the south end of the gravel lot on Pinnacle Peak Road.

The flyer on the following page provides event details. Additional copies for distribution are also available in the Church office.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 22-24 and spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers. Let's show the community a fabulous Taste of Greece!

OPA!!



Parish Council Corner

By Ray Wysmierski, Parish Council President

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

The festival is very near and we have many volunteers working hard to see that this festival is extremely successful. If you haven't reached out to lend a hand please contact Pam Lemons or Stella Pagos, the festival co-chairs.

The "Spiritual Gifts" seminar has finished with a very enthusiastic group who are eager to find and use their talents and gifts.

The youth programs were kicked off on Sept. 16 and a full calendar of events to follow even including the entire family.

Please contact Lindsay Vardalos or Chrisy King for more details.

As we begin the new liturgical year please take the time to reflect on your giving to the glory of God for our Church home and operational expenses.

Also calling out to all potential parish council candidates, nominations and elections are just around the corner. Here is another opportunity to serve the parish. You must be a steward in good standing for at least one year to be eligible.

Also mark your calendars for the Fall General Assembly in November which will have important operational updates and discussions to take place.

Let us not forget that Divine Liturgy now is back to 10am and Sunday School is back in full swing!

Philoptochos

By Charlotte Servetas, Philoptochos President

"Faith without works is dead." (James 2:17)

Monday, Sept. 13 was our first meeting of the new church year. We enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck supper and held a productive business meeting. There were sixteen members plus three guests in attendance.

If you would like to host a Sunday Social hour please contact chairperson, Valla Wrona. This is a special time for all to greet friends and visitors.

A change in our next meeting time: because of the busy baking schedule for the festival, there will not be a meeting in October. Our next meeting date is Monday, Nov. 1 at 7pm.

Please help where ever possible during our Festival. Opa!



Military Care Box Program

Items needed

Toiletries - toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, body powder, razors, baby wipes, dental floss, chapstick, foot powder, lotion, hand sanitizer, toilet paper.

Food items - canned tuna or chicken salad, single serving containers of fruit cocktail/peaches/pears/pineapple/ applesauce, Cup O'Noodles, single serving packages of cookies, instant hot chocolate packets, single serving packages of trail mixes, cans of Spaghetti O's, Beef-A-Roni, single serving packages of Mac & Cheese, Ramen noodles, single serving cans of soups, candy bars, single serving cans of chili (with or without beans), single serving containers of pudding, dried soup mixes, single serving packets of coffee/sugar/powdered creamer, tea bags.

Miscellaneous - gallon, quart, pint & sandwich sized plastic bags. Bags of hard candy to use as fillers. Paperback books, magazines, puzzle books, hand-held games, blank cards they can send home for the upcoming holidays.

Support Our Troops

Birthdays



Dutch Rosenberg (13th)
Joan Coor (20th)
Carl Surman (23rd)

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.

Name Days

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

St. Ananias (1st)
Sts. Cyprian and Justina (2nd)
St. James (9th)
St. Philip (11th)
St. Lazaros (17th)
St. Luke (18th)
St. Gerasimos (20th)
St. James (Iakovos) (23rd)
St. Sebastiane (24th)
St. Demetrios (26th)

Sacraments

Congratulations to Gary Nicholas and June Allen on their wedding, held on Saturday, September 25th. The sponsors were Nick and Cathy Cosmakos of Seattle. We wish them many years of good health and happiness.

Memory Eternal

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, Tom Athanasios Tsoulakos, who fell asleep in the Lord on Sept. 3. Our deepest condolences to Ellen and her family. May his memory be eternal.

Easier Method for Parish Contributions

Join the families that have signed up for Parish Pay, making donations to our parish safe, beneficial and simple.

Parish Pay is a means of sending church contributions electronically via the internet. By going to our parish website (www.stharalambos.org) and clicking on the "Parish Pay" button, you are directed to the Parish Pay site to easily set up your account.

There is no cost to parishioners, and you decide how much and how often contributions are sent for stewardship, building fund or any other fund you designate. Contributions can be a one-time gift, or you can set up regular monthly payments to be deducted from a checking or savings account or credit card. It is a safe and secure system.

Benefits are: eliminates the need for writing checks; automatically sends contributions even if you are ill or out of town, earns points, bonuses or mileage when coupled with credit card accounts.

For further information, please contact our Parish Council Treasurer Stella Pagos at 623-975-0027. Consider Parish Pay for all your church donations.

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Open House Raffle Winners

- Christine Batalis: 2 Southwest Airline Tickets along with \$250 cash prize
- Maria Christian: \$100 Best Western Gift Card

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00am Church Music Institute
3 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Church Music Sunday	4 7:00pm Philoptochos)	5	6 7:00pm Know The Faith: Teachings of the Orthodox Church	7 7:00pm Choir Practice	8	9
10 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Festival Meeting	11	12	13 7:00pm Know The Faith: Teachings of the Orthodox Church	14 6:00pm Youth Meeting 7:00pm Choir Practice	15	16
17 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	18 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Luke	19 7:00pm Parish Council	20 Festival Set-up	21 Festival Set-up	22 5:00pm Greek Festival	23 10:00am Greek Festival
24 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Greek Festival	25	26	27 7:00pm Know The Faith: Teachings of the Orthodox Church	28 7:00pm Choir Practice	29	30
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FESTIVAL BAKING AND FOOD PREP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00am Spanakopites Social Hall	2
3	4 9:00am Pastitsio CCV*	5 9:00am Mousaka CCV*	6 9:00am Koulouria & Syrup CCV*	7	8	9 9:00am Tiropites Social Hall
10	11 9:00am Tsourekia CCV*	12 9:00am Paximadia & Melomakarouna CCV*	13 9:00am Kourabiedes CCV*	14	15 9:00am Leaf Washing Social Hall	16 9:00am Dolmades Social Hall
17	18 9:00am Baklava CCV*	19 9:00am Diples Social Hall	20 9:00am Food Prep CCV*	21 9:00am Pastry Packing Pastry Room	22 OPA!	23 OPA!
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
24 OPA!						
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*CCV (Christ's Church of the Valley, 67th Avenue and Happy Valley Road) Get directions from Stella, Lisa, Penny, or Jeanette
SIGN UP WITH PENNY OBREN: 623-214-1289

Feastday of St. Luke the Evangelist

October 18

*“O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke,
intercede to our merciful God, that He may
grant our souls forgiveness of sins.”*



On Sunday, Sept. 26, we celebrated a unique combination of events: the 40-day blessing of Pierce (Panagiotis) Retsinas, as well as the 60th wedding anniversary of Arthur and Mary Manos. A luncheon was hosted by Arthur and Mary where they shared greetings with Bill and Brittany Retsinas and parishioners. Pictured are Bill, Brittany and Pierce Retsinas, Fr. Michael, and Arthur and Mary Manos.