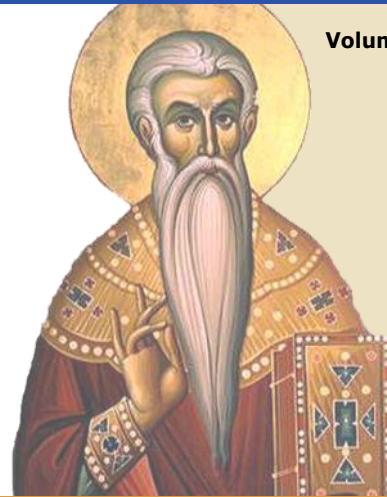


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Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos

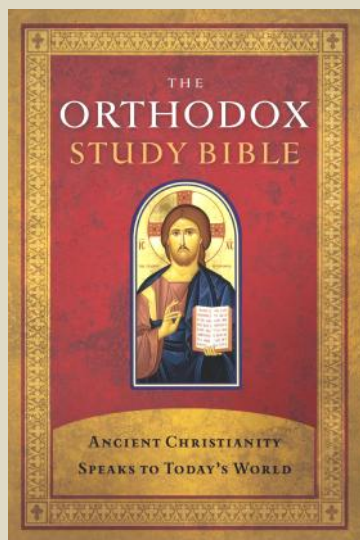


Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the Social Hall

All kinds of household goods and clothing will be for sale.
Refreshments will be available as well.

Tell your neighbors!



Orthodox Study Group

The Orthodox Study Group will be meeting at the church every Thursday in October beginning on the 10th at 7 p.m. We will be reviewing chapters in the Gospel of Luke.

If you would like more information, please contact Ted Manos at 928-501-6666 or tedmanos@zona.net

Know the Faith Classes

Come and join a 4-week class on the Orthodox Christian Faith: its history and development, similarities and differences with other Christian traditions.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in November at 7 p.m.
All are welcome.



Explanation of the Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 10

Have you ever wondered about some of the things you see and hear during the Sunday Divine Liturgy? You're not alone! The Liturgy is filled with historical and biblical symbols whose meaning escapes many Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike.



You're going to want to be in Church on Sunday, Nov. 10, as we present a Narrative Divine Liturgy featuring commentary throughout the service that will explain the liturgy's structure and development, the meaning behind the various processions, liturgical articles, hymns and readings.

Mainly for the benefit of our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors, the Narrative Divine Liturgy might just answer some questions from our parish family as well. There will be time for question and answers following the liturgy, then fellowship during the Coffee Hour.

There is a wide variety of Sunday worship services today, but the Orthodox have held on to the Divine Liturgy, the oldest form of Christian worship. Come and find out why!



A Memorable Feastday

The brief but memorable six months Presvytera Kristin and I spent living in Greece, provided wonderful and long-lasting memories. After having graduated from Holy Cross School of Theology, I and most of my graduating class took advantage of the generous offer from our Archdiocese to continue our studies in Greece before applying for Ordination. Most of my classmates, their wives and, in some cases, their young children, all made the trip which began in Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki.

I mentioned in an earlier InTouch article that it was during this time Presvytera and I had the opportunity to visit the monasteries at Meteora, and that we were presented with the relics of St. Haralambos for veneration.

It was also during our time in Thessaloniki that we visited the Cathedral of St. Demetrios, a large temple dedicated to the memory of this great martyr and saint, whose relics are enshrined below the nave. Because of the beautiful aroma which emanates from his relics, St. Demetrios was called the "Myrrh-flowing."

The feastday of St. Demetrios that year was a Friday (thank you Google calendar), and it was amazing to see the celebration that morning before the start of liturgy. The city had sent a military escort and marching band which was playing at the courtyard as worshippers entered the church. Stores were closed, churches in neighboring towns were closed; this was the place to be on the morning of Oct. 26. The celebration of the patron saint of the city was celebrated by all, beginning with the Divine Liturgy.

The church building is not only large, it has a second story balcony, which is where we were seated during liturgy. The church was full, and clearly visible in addition to the local townspeople were military and city officials, many of whom gave speeches in the church that morning.

There was no mistaking this was a day of celebration, in honor of one of Christianity's greatest saints.

Because the feastday of St. Demetrios falls on the Saturday of our festival this year, the Divine Liturgy will start at 8 a.m., an hour earlier than usual.



The tomb of St. Demetrios, Cathedral of St. Demetrios, Thessaloniki, Greece



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Sunday Worship

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

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Thank You

Dear Fr. Michael, Church friends and my "extra-special" friends,

During the cruel moments of the greatest trial in my life, please be assured that your cards, calls, condolences, donations, notes, letters and visits and many expressions of sympathy did help to alleviate some of the sorrow in the recent passing of my dearly beloved husband, Arthur, who is now in heaven singing with the angels.

God bless and keep you in His care.

Sincerely,
Mary Manos

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Valla Wrona, President

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14)

The sisters of St. Anna's Philoptochos Society started the new year with a potluck and business meeting.

We heartily thank our former President, Reni Milonas, for her enthusiastic service and most especially for the Mending Hearts sewing group that she initiated. Mending Hearts has blessed so many heart patients with their own cardiac pillows while also advertising the work of St. Anna's and the Orthodox Church. She

also led us with fun activities following the meetings, such as playing bunco and a baby picture contest.

Following are the 2013 – 2015 Officers:

Valla Wrona, President, Charlotte Servetas, Vice-president, Edna Nicely, Secretary, Julie Karoutas, Treasurer

Board members: Lali Mekvabishvili, Flo Curran, and Anna Kinniburgh

Don't forget to check the festival baking schedule and come out and help when you can. We always have fun while we work!

Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 7. We hope you will join us.

Sunday School Ministry Involvement

By Martha Stithem, Sunday School Director & Teacher

It is a blessing to have new and returning volunteers contribute their Time, Talent, and Treasure to the Sunday School Ministry. Involvement from not only the parents, but also the parish members, is very important to the ongoing religious education of our children. To all who have been willing and able to participate in one way or another, thanks so much for your contribution.

Although we now have dedicated teachers for our classrooms, we still have a need for volunteers in the following

areas: Teacher Assistant, Substitute Teacher, Snack Volunteer; Christmas Pageant Director & Volunteers. Sharing one's time, talent, and treasure in the Sunday School Ministry is one way to be a good steward of God's gifts for His Glory.

Planning for the Christmas Pageant will begin soon, so if anyone is willing and able to coordinate this program or offer help in any way, please notify the church office with your contact information.

Also, there will be no Sunday School classes held on Sunday, Oct. 27, due to the Annual Taste of Greece Food & Dance Festival. Classes will resume the following Sunday, Nov. 3.

Youth Group

On Saturday, Oct. 19, instead of a traditional youth group meeting at church, we will be Greek dancing at a retirement home meeting around 2 p.m. at the church. We will caravan to the

retirement home where the kids will Greek dance and have an opportunity to say hello to the residents, then we can all go out for pizza afterwards. More details will be coming soon from Olga.

Greek Festival - October 25, 26, 27

By Pam Lemons, Chairman

It's almost here... the Festival is just a few short weeks away. The baking and food preparations have begun and soon our Church campus will be swarming with happy Festival goers enjoying our annual Taste of Greece Festival. Here are a couple of exciting enhancements that you can expect to see at this year's Festival:

- Children's booth offering unique cultural activities.

- Expanded Deli market offering family trays of moussaka and spanakopita - available in limited quantities.

- Informational films on the Holy Lands and Greece

Volunteers are still needed in many areas. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up, there's still time! Sign up sheets are available in the Social Hall.

OPA!



A Gathering of Prayer

Milestone: Our First Year

This month, our ministry, "A Gathering of Prayer" will have completed its first year. To date we have gathered as a group in prayer four times for 40 day Memorial Akathists. We have prayed for the following members of our parish family: John Callas, Mary Psomas, Arthur Manos, Zachary Panagos, and currently for

Evanthia Estrate. These beautiful Akathist prayers have been a blessing for our prayer group. We would like to thank those of you who joined us by praying the Akathist on one of the 40 days. If you would like information about this ministry, please leave contact information with the Church Office. Thank you to all!

Thank You

Dear St. Haralambos Parish Family,

I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all the kind cards, prayers, phone calls, visits and messages given to my son Stavros for me to hear. Your concern and kindness during my illness has meant more to me than I can express.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Harrington

Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts/sponsors

September, 2013

- 1: Philoptochos
- 8: Philoptochos
- 15: Parish Counsel Luncheon
- 22: Mary Manos & Edna Nicely
- 29: Russ Skocypec

October, 2013

- 6: Genet & Ocbai Tesfay
- 13: Sophia & David Rodriguez
- 20: Dina & Carl Surman
- 27: Festival

November, 2013

- 3: Appreciation Luncheon
- 10: Vardalos-Panousopoulos-Ratliff Families
- 17: Jean Baxter Family
- 24: Anna Yacyshyn & Alice Hecht

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



Birthdays



Jackie Michas (2)
 Aristi Ballas Baroutas (4)
 Sandra Dutton (5)
 Banna Tesfay (5)
 Rafat Samawi (10)
 Athena Papamatheakis (11)
 Dutch Rosenberg (13)
 Arleen Pappas (14)
 Theodore Manos (15)
 Ammiel Desta (18)
 Sophia Hibner (18)
 Joseph Durgam (21)
 Carl Surman (23)
 Gus Macrides (27)
 Nikita Reisler (31)
 Lindsay Vardalos (31)

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.

St. Christopher's Bookstore

How are We Saved? by author Kallistos Ware

Our choir sings, "salvation to the world..." Father Michael chants, "help us, save us..." And so in our hymns and throughout the liturgy we are frequently reminded of man's need for salvation and that Christ's death was the ultimate act of salvation. To better understand the concept of salvation you may want to read this month's book, How are We Saved, by author Kallistos Ware.

Ware describes salvation as an ongoing process and not a single event. He references St. Gregory, St. Athanasius of Alexandria, and others who view salvation and the fall in a broader perspective rather than focusing on Adam and Eve's act of sinfulness. For them, he writes, the fall was a "gradual and progressive development" that mankind moved toward and that Adam and Eve merely set the fall in motion.

Ware writes of the effects of the fall on humanity and presents three perspectives on our inherited sinfulness, one from St. Gregory of Nyssa, the other from St. Mark the Monk, and finally from St. Augustine.

Ware then examines three central questions about salvation: "First, *from what* am I saved...second, *through what*, or how does my salvation come about,... and third... *for what* am I saved?" He also

presents five models of atonement. "Salvation according to this model is realized above all through indwelling—*Christ in us rather than Christ for us.*"

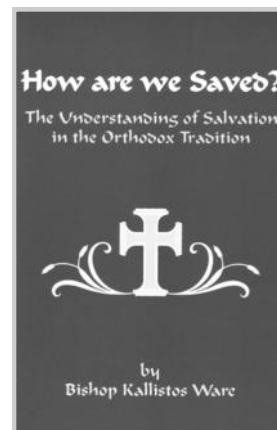
God wishes for all to be saved (1 Tim.2:4) but "no one is saved alone." Salvation is social and communal; it is "bound up with the salvation of our neighbor," it involves the church and expands further into society..."salvation

means sharing in the uncreated energies of God, but it also means caring in an active and practical way about what is happening in other parts of the world."

"Our human salvation leads in this way to the redemption of the whole created order... And so this cosmic character of salvation commits us to affirming the sacredness of all life, animal as well as human

... and a reverence for all creation...so that we may treat the world as a sacrament of God's presence."

The bulleted format of this book makes it easy and quick to read. The content is insightful and uplifting, and the connections made by the author are supported by scripture and quotes from numerous saints and early church Fathers. **How are We Saved** is a small book but it answers some of the most crucial and essential questions many Orthodox Christians ask.



Thank You

We wish to thank everyone for all the sympathy cards and words of comfort on the passing of my brother.

Anna and Bob Kinniburgh

FESTIVAL BAKING AND FOOD PREP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 8:30am Tsourekia St. Haralambos	5 8:30am Tsourekia St. Haralambos
6	7 9:00am Tiropites Spanakopita (need 30 volunteers) *CCV	8	9	10 9:00am Paximadia Melomakarouna Dolmades (need 30 volunteers) *CCV	11 9:00am Koulouria St. Haralambos	12 9:00am Koulouria St. Haralambos
13	14 9:00am Mousaka (need 8 volunteers) *CCV	15	16	17 9:00am Pastitsio (need 8 volunteers) *CCV	18 10:00am Kourambiedes St. Haralambos	19 Volunteers needed at St. Haralambos to help unload festival food and supplies.
20	21 9:00am Baklava *CCV	22	23	24 9:00am Pre-packing Melo Dipping St. Haralambos	25 OPA!	26 OPA!
27 OPA!	28	29	30	31		

*CCV (Christ's Church of the Valley) enter from Happy Valley Rd West of 67th Ave.

SIGN UP WITH PENNY OBREN: 623-214-1289

OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7:00pm Choir	4 7:00am Rummage Sale	5 7:00am Rummage Sale
6 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy National Church Music Sunday	7 7:00pm Philoptochos	8	9	10 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	11	12 9:00am Parish Maintenance Day
13 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	14 7:00pm Parish Council	15	16	17 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	18 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Luke	19 2:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Young Adults
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2013 Greek Festival: October 25, 26, & 27

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

I am available to work the following booths:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Imports/Deli | <input type="checkbox"/> Gyros/Souvlaki |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious/Bookstore | <input type="checkbox"/> Loukoumades | <input type="checkbox"/> Main Food Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastries | <input type="checkbox"/> Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Saganaki & Kalamari | <input type="checkbox"/> Taverna | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Fries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Information | | | | |

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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"/> Booth Setup (week before) | <input type="checkbox"/> Booth Teardown | <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Pastry Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/Signage Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion & Advertising | |

Name _____ Phone _____

Your assignment will be confirmed. If you cannot fulfill your assignment,
please call Desi: 623-876-1967 or the Church office: 623-486-8665.

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

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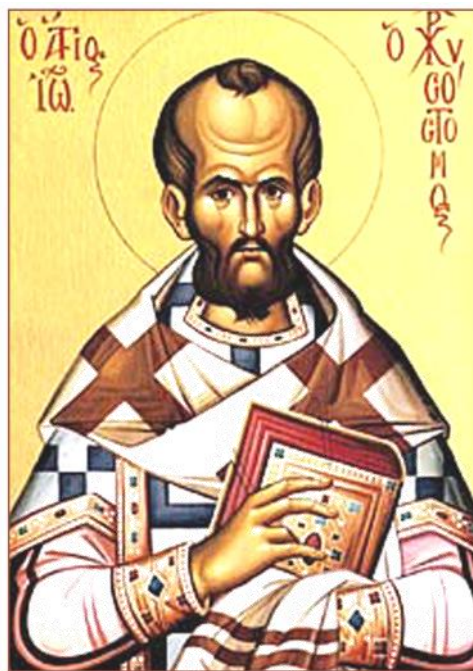
St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

The purpose of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is to give our youth (grade 4 thru grade 12) an opportunity to learn, write, and speak about their Orthodox Faith, Church and Heritage. St. Haralambos is pleased to announce our Kick-off for the 2014 Oratorical Festival. Eligible Sunday School students will receive informational packets in October. The packets will include:

- Introduction to the Oratorical Program and benefits for students
- St. Haralambos Program Goals
- Discussion of timelines and important dates
- Distribution of topics and program guidelines for
 - Elementary Division (Grade 4 thru Grade 6)
 - Junior Division (Grade 7 thru Grade 9)
 - Senior Division (Grade 10 thru Grade 12)

Please contact Jeannette Hollander at jechollander@gmail.com or Father Michael for more details or if you have any questions about the informational packets.

Be in the know. Like the St. John Oratorical Festival Facebook page!



Oratorical Festival Topics

Junior Division (Grades 7–9)

1. St. Paul writes, “God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength” (1 Corinthians 10:13, NRSV). What are some times in your life in which you have experienced the truthfulness of St. Paul’s statements?
2. The Artoklasia service concludes with the hymn Plousioi eptohefsan, “Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing” (Psalm 33/34, verse 11, from the Orthodox Study Bible, SAAS). Discuss the meaning of this hymn for our contemporary world.
3. “I am an Orthodox Christian living in the 21st century.” What does this phrase mean to you?
4. Select one of the Gospel readings of the Sundays of the Pentecostarion, between Pascha and the Feast of All Saints, and discuss its connection to you and your life.
5. Why are the martyrs of the Church characterized as great athletes?

Senior Division (Grades 10–12)

1. When you participate in a sacrament, you are called “the servant of God” (doulos tou Theou). What does it mean to be a servant of God today?
2. Discuss a time when you experienced the presence of God, whether in church, in nature, or in other circumstances.
3. Jesus said, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3, NRSV). Discuss the relevance of this teaching for Christians today.
4. Fifty years after some of the landmark events of the American Civil Rights movement, racism and discrimination persist in American life. How should an Orthodox Christian respond?
5. Some people support, others criticize the public declarations of faith of celebrities, athletes, and actors, such as Tim Tebow, Jonathan Jackson, and Troy Polamalu. How do their acts affect your attitude toward being open about your faith?