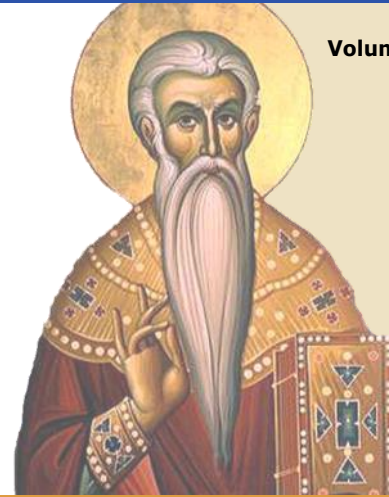


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OUR MISSION

Take part in the Mission and Vision of our Parish

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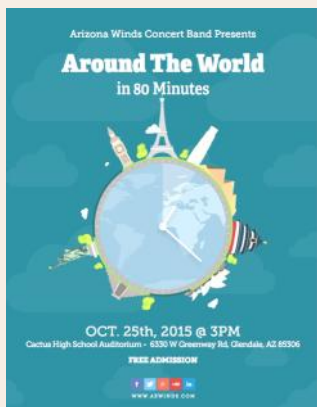
Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos

Forever Young

By Julie Karoutas

Greetings to All “Forever Young” members, we are enjoying our Fall events; we started with the “Musical Instrument Museum” better known as MIM, on Saturday, Sep. 5, “Experience India” was a special event going on that weekend in addition to all of the wonderful displays they have there. We had a delicious lunch afterwards at the “White Chocolate Restaurant in Scottsdale, a good time was had by all.

On Saturday, Sep. 26 at 4 pm, we met at Russ Skocypiec’s home in Sun City Grand, to enjoy our “A Day at the Races” event. We had about 18 attending; it was so much fun, the food and the fellowship was wonderful!



Our October activity will be to attend the first concert of the Arizona Winds Concert Band “Around the World in 80 Minutes”; on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 pm at the Cactus High School Auditorium (new location); 6330 W. Greenway Rd., Glendale, AZ 85306. It is always best to get there no later than 2:30 pm, as these concerts are very popular,

some of us try to save multiple seats but it is not always feasible. For those who wish to go out for Brunch after church, we can go to “Carrabba’s Italian Grill” at 5646 W. Bell Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308, 602-863-6444. Let me know if you wish to go, I will make reservations.

For November, I have booked the fabulous musical “West Side Story” at the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre, the group rate for the musical is only \$56 for this particular performance. The date will be on Thursday, Nov. 12, for their Matinee performance. We must have at least 10 to get this group rate, please notify me as soon as possible and payment by check made out to me, Julie Karoutas (I have paid a deposit of 25% and final payment 3 weeks before the performance.) It is imperative that I receive payment no later than Sunday, Sep 29. Includes a served dinner, beverage, tax & gratuity. I reserved 18 seats and have 5 left. Don’t wait, call me to save a place for you.

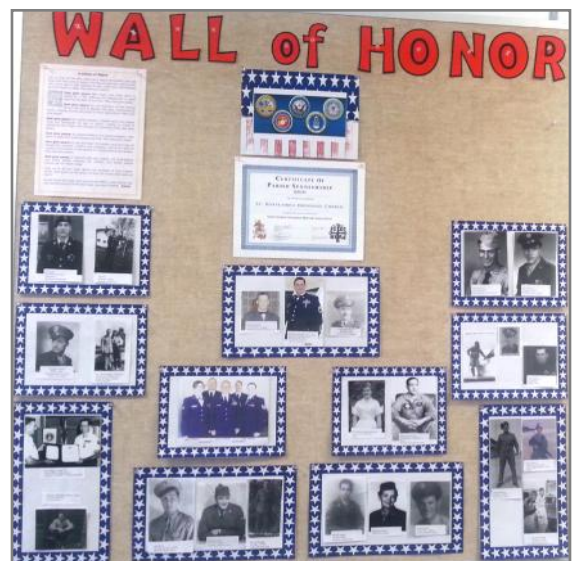
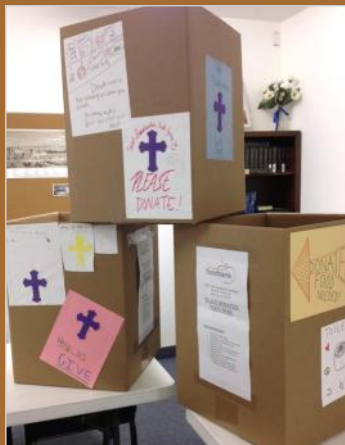
We have much going on in December: Dec. 6 at 2 pm; AZ Winds Concert Band, “A Jubilant Christmas” the Midwestern University on 19555 N. 59th Ave., Glendale 85308. I would get there an hour early for this very special performance.

There is much excitement for our Dec. 7 trip to Cliff Castle Casino and Prescott, Arizona’s Christmas City. The flyer was posted in the August issue of the “In Touch”. Payment for that trip is due by Friday, Nov. 20, please make a note to make the check out to: CC & Company for \$45. We also have coming up in December, the AHEPA #219 Christmas Ball, a beautiful dinner/dance - more info to follow.

Thanking you in advance for your timely response to our outings, we have much more being planned, so don’t hesitate; Please join us for fun and fellowship.

Food Drive

Our Youth Group is sponsoring a Canned/ Boxed Food Drive to benefit the Valley View Community Food Bank. Look for the collection boxes throughout the church, and please remember to bring something each Sunday this month, or food can be dropped off at the church office between 10am-3pm during the week.



Our “Wall of Honor” has recently been re-designed, thank you Frosene.



Staying True to the Mission and Vision of our Parish

Over the past two years, we have gone through the process of creating a Mission Statement (“We are a loving Christ-centered community whose mission is to keep, practice, and proclaim our Orthodox Christian faith as a living presence to those around us.”) and a Vision Statement (“A Church community that welcomes and engages everyone, in all stages of life, to participate in a deeply rewarding and spiritually fulfilling life, as expressed through the teachings and traditions of the Orthodox Christian Faith.”) for our parish.

These are good statements. But the purpose was not just to create the statements. A Mission and Vision Statement imply two important things for all of us: action and involvement. A Church community does not exist on paper or in statements, the Church exists in life, each day of the week.

Thankfully, many of our parishioners regularly meet together for Sunday morning services. But what about Monday – Saturday? What does the Church do on the other six days of the week?

The short answer is, the

Church continues to put into practice its Mission and Vision Statement seven days a week, 365 days a year. For those who aren’t sure just what that means, consider the following:

The Church office is open Monday – Friday, from 10 am to 3 pm. The office is open to welcome visitors, some who have recently moved into the area, some who are passing by for a quick visit, others who are curious about who we are, and others who are in need, whether for a place to stay, for food or other assistance. So the first thing to know is that by keeping our doors open during the week, we are able to be a “living presence to those around us.”

Fr. Michael is in the office Monday – Thursday. During those days he meets with parishioners in the office for scheduled appointments, and also visits with parishioners who are hospitalized or who no longer drive. Although the Priesthood is not a desk job, an office for a priest is very helpful.

Several parish ministries meet during the week, including the choir, the Philoptochos, the Parish Council, the Youth

Groups, Forever Young, Caring Friends, Bible Study and others. Most of these ministries continue throughout the year, and others break for the summer, but they all exist to help us, “keep, practice and proclaim our Orthodox faith.”

Our Mission and Vision Statements are rules or guides, to help remind who and what we are as an Orthodox Christian parish. Everything that we do as a parish must relate to these statements.

If St. Haralambos Church is your Church, I challenge you to see how you are helping fulfill our Mission and Vision statements. As parishioners, it is not helpful to point to others and think that “they” are somehow more responsible or more capable than another. Our entire parish family has the obligation to help fulfill our Mission and Vision statements.

There is no better time than now, today, to decide to put your time, talents and treasure to work for the health, strength and betterment of St. Haralambos Church, Your Church!

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Sunday Worship

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

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Russell Zook

Orthodox Christianity 101

Sometimes, a review of the basics of what we believe as Orthodox Christians can be a helpful refresher. This is the purpose of Orthodox Christianity 101.

The final three classes will be held on Wednesday evening at 7 pm and meets in the church library. Topics review the

fundamental teachings, history and development of Orthodox Christianity (Greek, Russian, Romanian, Antiochian, etc.), as well as similarities and differences with other Christian traditions, and customs and traditions regarding Church and family life.

Birthdays



Aristi Ballas Baroutas (4)
Rafat Samawi (10)
Athena Papamatheakis (11)
Vincent Gheorghe (12)
Dutch Rosenberg (13)
Sophia Hibner (15)
Theodore Manos (15)
Chrissy Pritchard (16)
Julie Leros (17)
Ammiel Desta (18)
Carl Surman (23)
Danny Papakalos (28)
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.

Church Maintenance

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 9 am, for some light maintenance and clean up of our church building and grounds. Light bulbs need changing, door hinges need oiling, some touch-up paint and trimming of shrubs are all on the agenda. If you can spare an hour or two, the more the merrier!



Orthodox Bible Study

Please note that we will be starting up Orthodox Study group on Tuesdays starting in October. We are moving the class to Tuesday evenings which is a new night for us. The first meeting will be on Tuesday the 6th at 7 to 8:30 pm. The class will meet every Tuesday night. We will try to keep to our times so people can get home at a reasonable hour. We are still in Matthew. Come and discover the meaning of Christ's messages about forgiveness, the kingdom of heaven,

passions, greed, and many other interesting concepts which are discussed in detail in the Matthew Gospel. All interested parties welcome with no prior experience with the Gospel necessary. People who are taking Father's class on Wednesday can concurrently take this class as the information discussed has different emphasis. If you have any questions please contact: Ted Manos, tedmanos@zona.net, 623-680-6547

Family Bingo

Still one of the most simple and fun ways to spend family time together! Bring a can or box of food as your admission ticket at 2 pm on Saturday, Oct. 10 in our Fellowship Room. If you'd like to share an appetizer or snack, bring it along as well. Friends are welcome, and there are prizes for the winners of each game!



St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit"
Ephesians 2:22

The first meeting of the new year for St. Anna's Philoptochos Society was held Sep. 14. Members met for a delicious potluck dinner and then had a productive business meeting. We sincerely want to thank former President Valla Wrona for her past service and dedication and look forward to her continued involvement.

New and old business was attended to and we voted on amounts for our National and Metropolis Commitments for the month of September.

Our recent deli/bake sale was very successful and the next is planned for Oct.

11 where we will be selling paximadia and other homemade goodies. Thank you for supporting our efforts. Proceeds from this sale benefit the Philoptochos philanthropic commitments.

Don't forget to help us provide for the less fortunate by donating non perishable items to the Food Bank.

Our meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month at 7 pm and are open to all parishioners, both ladies and gentlemen, who may be interested in learning more about the Philoptochos mission of helping the poor, sick, and elderly. Come to our next meeting on Oct. 5 at 7 pm and hear more about what we do. We hope to see you there!



Youth Night

Tuesday evenings are Youth Night! GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) for young people in Grades 7 – 12, and JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) for young people in Grades 4 – 6. Beginning with dinner at 6 pm, the evening includes activities, lessons and fellowship, and finishes at 8 pm. Friends are always welcome. See Lindsay Vardalos for further information.



Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts/sponsors.

September

- 6: Philoptochos
- 13: Desi Medina
- 20: Edna Nicely
- 27: Irene Nathanson

October

- 4: Joan Bryson
- 11: Sue Charbel-Barbara Hartsel
Mary Robbins
- 18: Sophia & David Rodriguez
- 25: Sandra Ameroso

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



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)

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