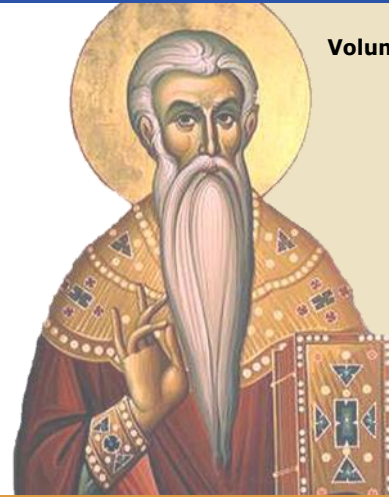


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Christ, the Good Shepherd

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

Our September “Koukla’s Kitchen Potluck” on Thursday, Sep. 15, was a huge success thanks to our friends from Assumption and St. Katherine’s. We had 19 guests and 4 as well as Fr. Michael attending. Many thanks to Thalia & Roy & Lea Mancini. We enjoyed the luncheon provided by All, the games we played, but most of all we enjoyed the fellowship! Our friends at Holy Trinity expressed regrets but they are busy baking for their Festival which will be held on Oct. 7 – 9. St. Katherine’s will have their festival the week before on Sep. 30 – Oct. 2. Please try to attend both festivals; they each offer some very special food & entertainment.

October brings us to an evening of enjoyment at the AZ Broadway Dinner Theatre to see the fantastic musical, “Funny Girl”, on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$65 pp inclusive; please make your checks out to me. Your ticket includes the performance and dinner, which includes your choice of soup or salad, one of 5 main entrée’s, fresh rolls, coffee and or Iced Tea and basic gratuity. Alcoholic beverages & soda are available at a separate charge, as are desserts, etc. The theatre is located on the SW corner of Paradise Lane & 77th Ave.,



1 block south of W. Bell Rd. Your quick response is always greatly appreciated; payment must to be made by Oct. 15. I have made a \$325 deposit payment on Aug. 1 in order to hold the good seats that I have reserved. I still have a few seats available, but I need immediate responses!

As luck would have it, the Arizona Winds Concert Band will be performing on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 pm. As always try to get there early to get a good parking spot, as it is well attended. On Dec. 6 at 2:30 pm their Holiday concert will be held at Midwestern University on 59th Ave., just North of Union Hills.

On December 10th the AHEPA #219 will have their annual Christmas Gala, proceeds from which go to provide scholarships to many deserving youths from our communities. January brings the “Agape Ball/Kids with Cancer Camp Agape” fundraiser! Please either - DONATE, SPONSOR A CHILD, HELP SET-UP, OR VOLUNTEER AT CAMP! THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT! More details to follow. Do not miss out on these very well attended affairs!

Please notify me; I can be reached at juliekaroutas@gmail.com or 623-972-2382 or call or text my cell at 623-313-8720. Please leave name of all wishing to participate and a contact number. As always, a quick response is greatly appreciated.

Orthodox Outreach & Evangelism Retreat

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Nov. 4 - 5

Presented by: Fr Demetrius Nicoloudakis of St. Matthew Greek Orthodox Church in Blandon, PA

Retreat Theme: The Local Parish as the Embassy of the Kingdom to the World

- What is the Gospel message & to whom is it given?
- Is the Orthodox Church inwardly or outwardly focused?
- How do we begin to manifest the presence of Christ by reaching outside of our walls to bring others into the Kingdom of God?
- How do we create an environment for repentance and healing?

Retreat Format:

- Friday evening: Paraklesis service will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed by social time and opening remarks.
- Saturday morning: Matins will begin at 9:30 AM followed by Brunch and workshops; we will enjoy a working lunch and wrap-up by 3:00 PM.

Suggested Donation: \$10/person

Special Anniversary Celebration

December 3, 2016

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Fr. Michael’s 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 pm.

Mark your calendar and bring your family for an enjoyable afternoon celebrating this milestone in Fr. Michael’s life.





The Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.” (John 10:14)

There is a story told about a group of pilgrims who were touring the Holy Land with a guide who was native to the place. The guide was explaining how since time immemorial the shepherd did not walk behind his sheep but rather in front leading them and they followed him, just as the Lord describes Himself as the Good Shepherd:

“...the sheep hear His voice and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. When He has brought out all His own, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.” (John 10:3-4).

As the guide finished this explanation, several in the group began laughing as they saw a man walking behind a flock of sheep and driving them along with a stick. One of them commented to the guide, “I thought you said the shepherds here always lead the sheep. Why is that man walking behind and driving them forward?”

The guide answered, “Because he isn’t the shepherd, he’s the butcher.”

The icon on the cover of this month’s newsletter, Christ the Good Shepherd, is a beautiful reminder of the love of God for His people. Notice how the sheep is totally relaxed, comfortably draped over the Lord’s shoulders. The sheep know the shepherd and follow him. The shepherd knows his sheep and cares for them.

How well do we know our Good Shepherd? I’m sure we know Him by name, Jesus; but is it a relationship in name only, or is there something more? Jews and Muslims also know the name Jesus,

but that’s where the relationship ends. They will not love Him or follow Him or worship Him as Lord and God.

How well do we know our Good Shepherd? Do we know Him as an ancient historical figure, or as One whose presence is experienced today? How well do we know Him? Do we believe His promises that He will return again, that He will judge all of humanity and decide our eternal fate? If so, how does that knowledge influence our behavior?


How well do we know our Good Shepherd? Do we know Him as Jesus the man who taught wonderful messages of peace and love, just like so many other good teachers throughout history? Or was He more than a good teacher?

How well do we know our Good Shepherd? He certainly knows us, not just by name, but by all that we’ve done, and all that we have (through His gifts) the potential to do.

By the way, if we acknowledge our Lord as the Good Shepherd, there is no shame in referring to ourselves as His sheep, when the Good Shepherd we follow is our loving God and Creator.

I invite and encourage you to increase your knowledge of Christ our Good Shepherd, to follow Him and to develop your relationship with Him. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, desires – but will never force – this relationship; it must come from freedom and from love.

Do we believe His promises that He will return again, that He will judge all of humanity and decide our eternal fate?



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Sunday Worship
Matins: 8:45 a.m.
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Religious Education

Your children and grandchildren's education is a priority at Saint Haralambos Church. They have the opportunity to learn about the Orthodox Christian faith, about Holy Scripture and about God's love for them and for our world. Each Sunday our Sunday School teachers are ready for them, and look forward to spending time with them during class.

Please bring them, on time, to Church with you each Sunday so they do not miss this opportunity. During the week, ask

your children what they discussed, look over any papers they may bring home. Take an interest in what your children are learning, and encourage them to keep learning about their precious faith and heritage.

They depend on their parents. Your Church is ready to help educate your children in the Orthodox Christian faith. Have you made the commitment to bring them each Sunday?

Birthdays



- Aristi Ballas Baroutas (4)
- 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)
- Efrosini Tsakiris (29)
- 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.

Leadership Positions Needed

The Parish Council is asking for qualified and interested parishioners to consider applying for the following three Ministry Leadership Positions: Building Manager, Kitchen Manager and Grounds Manager. Each of these positions require oversight for more efficient operation. We want to be good stewards of our land,

buildings and equipment.

The Position Descriptions (page 6) list the various responsibilities for each. Please contact Dennis Georgen, Parish Council President for further information or questions.

Parish Christmas Concert

2nd Annual Parish Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 17

All interested parishioners who would like to perform at the St. Haralambos Community Christmas concert, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7 pm, please complete and return the following form to the church office.

All music for the concert must be Christmas music, with a Christmas theme, performed alone or with a group. (Limit one song per group or individual, please.)

Last year's concert was wonderful with loads of musical talent coming from several families. All interested performers are encouraged to send in their songs before the end of October!



2nd Annual Parish Christmas Concert

Names of Performer(s): _____

Instrument(s) (if applicable): _____

Name of Song: _____

Composer/Arranger: _____



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

We had a wonderful potluck dinner/meeting to celebrate the start of our Philoptochos year! In our business meeting we reviewed our National and Metropolis commitments for the month, we encouraged discussion about current new business, and included a special presentation from Vice President Marina Finch on her recent trip to Nashville to attend the Biannual Philoptochos Convention.

Our National commitments were:
\$150 - The Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund

\$100 - Retired Clergy and widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund

Our Metropolis commitment was:
\$25 - Women's Health and Wellness

Deli/Bake Sale – A deli/bake sale will be hosted Oct. 9 during coffee hour. Come and pick up assorted goodies for yourself or friends and contribute to our Society as

well! These proceeds help us meet the many philanthropic commitments we have through the year.

Feed the Hungry – Thank you to all who contribute to feeding the needy and less fortunate! Our Drive continues with other Chapters nationally as we collect non-perishable food items.

Coffee Hour Hosting – Thank you to all who host our coffee hour, whether you present food or a monetary donation, whether you host alone, or with others!

A special thank you to all who recently donated to the coffee hour hosted by Joan Bryson. The proceeds collected totaled \$74! Philoptochos will add to that total and forward \$100 to Saint Nicholas Shrine.

Don't be shy! Consider being a coffee host. It is an important part of our tradition of nurturing and fellowship! The sign-up sheet is located on the wall outside the kitchen or you can always see me.

Next meeting: Please mark your calendars for our next meeting, Oct. 3 at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Name Days

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

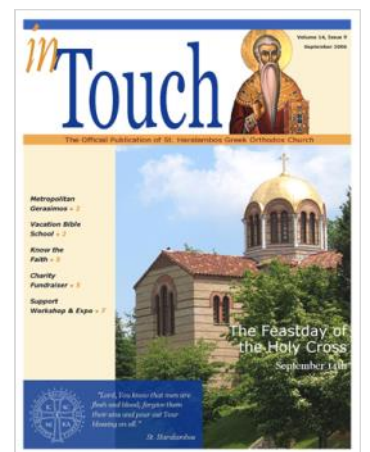
- St. Ananias (1st)
- Sts. Cyprian and Justina (2nd)
- St. James (9th)
- St. Philip (11th)
- St. Lazaros (17th)
- St. Luke (18th)
- St. Gerasimos (20th)
- St. James (Iakovos) (23rd)
- St. Sebastiane (24th)
- St. Demetrios (26th)

In Touch Newsletter Distribution

The In Touch monthly newsletter is available on our parish website (www.StHaralambos.org). The link will be posted on the weekly eBulletin.

If you are not receiving the eBulletin or need to change your email address, contact the church office at StHaralambos@QwestOffice.net.

For those without internet access, please call the Church office to make other arrangements for your copy of the newsletter.



Position Description: Building Manager

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting to the Parish Council, the Building Manager has overall responsibility for managing all building operations through hands-on leadership and delegation of assignments and projects. Responsible for maintenance, cleaning, and upkeep of the building to include sanctuary, common areas, classrooms, kitchen, Fellowship Room and lavatories. Responsible for monitoring and performing routine inspections of all areas and various systems within the building (in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules). Develops and promotes good working relationships with other parish leadership and community.

TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Oversees the overall cleanliness and maintenance of the facility and equipment, maintaining a high standard of safety and efficiency.
2. Inspects building and equipment to ascertain required maintenance and repairs, (in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules).

3. Manages all phases of building maintenance, determines required resources and develops project teams.
4. Monitors the work of contracted cleaning services; addresses concerns as necessary.
5. Establishes a maintenance request intake process and prioritizes work orders as needed
6. Assists in energy management strategies
7. Maintains a working knowledge of facility operations including electrical, water, (exterior surfaces: paint, stucco, etc.), controls and heating and ventilation/ AC (HVAC), systems and related equipment.
8. Assists all emergency operations
9. Responsible for set up of building facilities related to Divine services, classrooms, organizational meetings, special events.
10. Prepares and submits Building Maintenance budget requests to Parish Council in August each year.

Position Description: Grounds Manager

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting to the Parish Council, the Grounds Manager has overall responsibility for managing Parish grounds through hands-on leadership and delegation of assignments and projects. Responsible for maintenance, cleaning, and upkeep of Parish grounds to include exterior of the building, parking lot, driveways and walkways, playground and fields. Responsible for monitoring and performing routine inspections of all areas and various systems external of the building. Develops and promotes good working relationships with other parish leadership and community.

TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Oversees the overall cleanliness and maintenance of parish grounds and related equipment including irrigation and landscaping, maintaining a high standard of safety and efficiency.
2. Inspects building and grounds to ascertain required maintenance and repairs, in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules.

3. Manages all phases of external grounds maintenance, determines required resources and develops project teams.
4. Monitors the work of contracted landscapers and other workers; addresses concerns as necessary, and in accordance with short and long-term maintenance schedules.
5. Establishes a maintenance request intake process and prioritizes work orders as needed
6. Assists in water management strategies
7. Maintains a working knowledge of grounds-keeping operations including electrical, landscaping, irrigation controls and related equipment.
8. Assists all emergency operations
9. Responsible for set up of grounds related to special events.
10. Prepares and submits Grounds-keeping Maintenance budget requests to Parish Council in August each year.

Position Description: Kitchen Manager

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting to the Parish Council, the Kitchen Manager has overall responsibility for managing all kitchen operations through hands-on leadership and delegation of assignments and projects. Responsible for maintenance, cleaning, and upkeep of the kitchen. Responsible for monitoring and performing routine inspections. Develops and promotes good working relationships with other parish leadership and community.

TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Oversees the overall cleanliness and maintenance of the Kitchen maintaining a high standard of safety, sanitation, and efficiency.
2. Inspects kitchen equipment to ascertain required maintenance and repairs, working together with weekly cleaning company.
3. Establishes weekly cleaning protocols, monthly cleaning schedule, and assigns deep cleaning tasks, working together with weekly cleaning company.

4. Manages all related inventory and determines storage requirements, ensures rotation procedures are followed and overstocking is not occurring.
5. Provides oversight in the preparation and coordinates serving of food, complying with all applicable health department requirements.
6. Oversight of cleanliness and storage of equipment and proper storage of food, maintaining good housekeeping practices in all areas of the kitchen.
7. Establishes check out protocols for kitchen equipment used in festival preparations.
8. Checks all freezers and refrigerators, maintaining proper settings.
9. Oversight of kitchen supplies and equipment that may be stored outside of kitchen.
10. Prepares and submits Kitchen Maintenance budget requests to Parish Council in August each year.

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