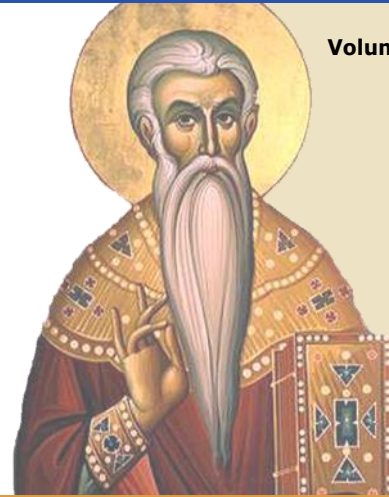


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Music Ministry



“O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.”

Psalm 98:1

Church Music Sunday: October 1



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

Adult Religious Education

The Journey to Fullness classes together with Orthodox Christian ministry presentations continue this month on

Wednesday evenings at 6pm. See topics for this month below.

Date	Track A: A Journey to Fullness	Track B: Orthodox Christian Ministries
Wed, Oct 4, 6 pm	Session 3: When did Orthodoxy Begin?	Project Mexico and Saint Innocent Orphanage
Wed, Oct 11, 6 pm	Session 4: Characteristics of Orthodox Christianity	National Philoptochos Society
Wed, Oct 18, 6 pm	Session 5: Mindset Matters	Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry
Wed, Oct 25, 6 pm	Session 6: A Healing Purpose	Orthodox Christian Missions Center

Funeral Pre-planning Seminar

A representative from Dignity Memorial will be offering a presentation on the process as well as the benefits of advance planning for funeral services. There is no charge

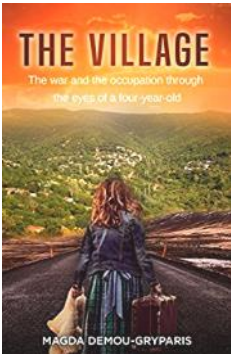
for the 20-minute presentation at 10 am on Monday, Oct. 16 at St. Haralambos Church. Friends are welcome and refreshments will be available.

IOCC Fundraiser

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Phoenix is hosting two events to benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities Syrian Crisis Response Fund. The first event, a Fund-raising Banquet, will take place on Friday,

Oct. 20 at 7 pm, and the second, a 5K Walk/Run will take place Saturday Oct. 21 at 9 am. For tickets, please visit iocc.org/phoenix.

The Village: The War and the Occupation Through the Eyes of a Four-Year-Old



A new book written by Magda Gryparis is available now at Amazon.com. Many of you may remember Dimitri and Magda Gryparis who were parishioners at St. Haralambos Church before moving to Wisconsin to be closer to their family.

Here is an excerpt from the book summary: “In 1941, the brutal forces of Nazi Germany invaded Greece, leaving the country stunned and its people in panic. Upon the invasion of Athens, the capital of Greece, the peaceful life of a four-year-old changed forever. Leading you through a roller coaster of emotions and experiences a child should never go through, this is a true, exhilarating and rare eyewitness testimony of the horrors of war as seen through the eyes of a young child in its rawest and most honest form.”

Congratulations to Magda on the publication of her book!

30th Anniversary BBQ

Don't miss our 30th anniversary BBQ on Saturday, November 4th at the Church. Delicious BBQ food, fun games for the family. Tickets are on sale during Coffee Hour on Sundays, adults: \$10; children under 12: \$2.





Liturgical Music in the Orthodox Church

Church Music Sunday, this year celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 1, gives us two opportunities regarding the music of our Church. First is the opportunity to reflect on the beautiful gift of hymnology we have been given, and second is the opportunity to say, Thank You! to our Church musicians.

Liturgical music in the Orthodox Church has its own unique origins in the development of Byzantine Ecclesiastical Chant. Hymns chanted in this traditional style are rendered by male voices with no instrumental accompaniment, and no harmony other than the isokratima, sustained tones which lend support to the melody. The chant melodies are written in one of eight musical modes which are assigned to specific Sundays on a rotating schedule. In other words, one Sunday will have hymns chanted in the First Mode, the following Sunday will have hymns in the Second Mode, the following Sunday in the Third Mode, etc. This system provides musical variety throughout the year.

Byzantine Chant has its own notation system as well, which looks nothing like contemporary staff notation. To the right is a sample of Byzantine Chant notation:

Chanters are trained to read this notation as easily as we can read the words on this page. Each symbol designates how high or low the melody moves, as well as how long to hold each syllable. A major difference from staff notation is that there is no absolute pitch in Byzantine Chant notation, in other words, a chanter is free to start chanting a hymn beginning on a note that is comfortable in his range, rather than needing a pitch pipe or keyboard to start on a specific note such as A or B or C.

Most church choirs today no longer sing in Byzantine Chant, but sing harmonized versions of the same chant melodies, with female as well as male voices, 2- 3- and 4-part harmony, singing either a capella (unaccompanied) or with organ accompaniment. This is primarily due to living in a western society in the U.S., which has adopted musical forms, sounds and notation that developed in western European traditions.

We are grateful to our church musicians who are needed not only at every Sunday liturgy, but weekday liturgies, Lent and Holy Week services, as well as at Weddings, Baptisms

and Funeral services. As mentioned earlier, since the musical mode changes each week, there are new hymns to be chanted each Sunday of the year, which requires rehearsals.

On this Church Music Sunday, each of us should make it a point to thank our musicians for their give of time and talents.

In addition, if there are others interested in becoming a part of the music ministry, feel free to contact Choir Director Dennis Georgen or anyone in the choir for further information. Music is truly a gift of God, and should be used in praise of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for his glory, and our own inspiration and edification.

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Sunday Worship

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

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Birthdays



Aristi Ballas Baroutas (4)
 Virginia Dent (11)
 Henry Lafayette (11)
 Athena Papamatheakis (11)
 Vincent Gheorghe (12)
 Dutch Rosenberg (13)
 Theodore Manos (15)
 Alexandra "Ally" Bachanos (16)
 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.

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)

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

The September meeting of St. Anna's Philoptochos was highlighted with a grand array of food brought in by the ladies of our chapter. After dining and visiting with old and new friends, the meeting was called to order. The following commitments were discussed and voted on:

National

- Holy Cross Scholarship \$150
- National Philoptochos Emergency Fund \$150
- Retired Clergy & Widowed Presvyteres \$100

Metropolis

- Women's Health and Wellness \$25

Also, all proceeds from the Sep. 3 Coffee Hour, \$102, were sent to IOCC for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. Thank you for your donation to this effort.

Our scheduled commitments for the year 2017-2018 total \$3,673 and may be more depending on the needs of the various charities we support. This is why your continued support is so vital to help us achieve our goals.

How You Can Help

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour.
- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- Shop at this month's Deli/Bake Sale (Oct. 1, featuring Melomakarona)
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.
- Link your Fry's card to the Fry's Community Rewards Program.
- See or call Stella Pagos, 623-975-0027, for more information on how to participate.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 pm.



Book Chat

Book Chat will meet Thursday, Oct. 26 at 11 am at St. Haralambos to discuss the book *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. Join us for reflection, dialogue, and Christian fellowship. Contact Irene Nathanson at ireneorRena@cox.net with questions or to request a book.

90th Birthday

The Obren family is having a 90th birthday coffee hour for Penny on Oct. 8. Please plan on attending and sharing this wonderful celebration with them.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	2 6:30pm Philoptochos	3 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	4 6:00pm A Journey to Fullness Session 3	5 7:00pm Choir	6	7
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