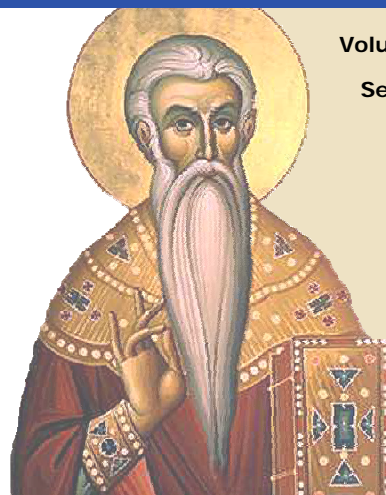


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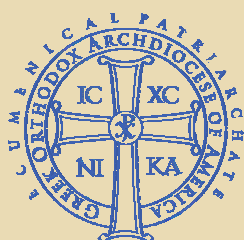
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*Come and see, during Sunday Coffee Hour, how the whole family can participate in parish ministries! (page 3)*

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

# 25th Anniversary

## Parishioner Profile

Each month of 2012 we'll spend some time with a member of our parish to get their memories, views and insights about the history, development and future of our parish as part of this year's 25th Anniversary celebration. This month's interview is with Dean Milonas.

**Question: How many years have you been a steward at St. Haralambos?**

**Answer:** 23 years.

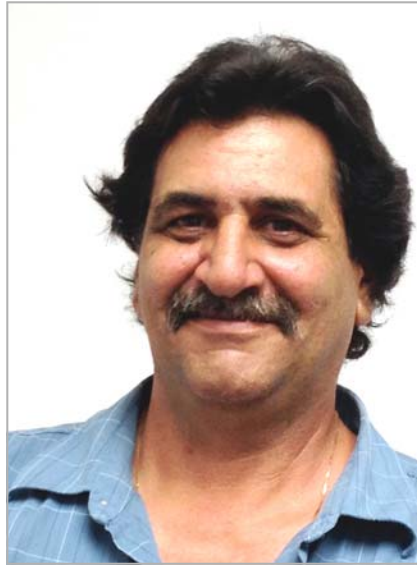
**Q: Are you a native Arizonan?**

**A:** No my family isn't from Arizona. We're from Littleton, Colorado. We moved to Phoenix in 1969 when I was 10 years old.

**Q: What activities and groups have you been involved in at St. Haralambos?**

**A:** Too many to mention over the years. I am currently focused on setting up and organizing areas that will improve our efficiency, finances, outreach and growth. This is also what I do for our annual Greek festival. I also get to serve the Lord by testing the patience of those who have to work with me.

**Q: What are some of your memories of the founding of the parish 25 years ago?**



**A:** I remember all our brothers and sisters in Christ who are no longer with us. I also remember picking up Father Michael & Presvytera Kristin from the airport when they first arrived and welcoming them to our community. I also can't forget the all-nighters we pulled getting the kitchen built for the first festival at our old location.

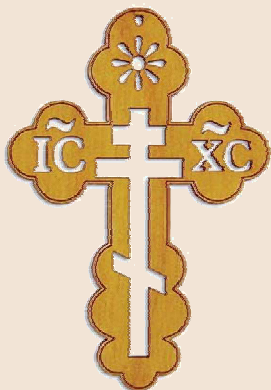
**Q: What would you like to see happen in the next 5-10 years of our parish?**

**A:** I would like to see a stronger commitment and sacrifice from all of us to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Being of one mind and spirit, focused not on pleasing ourselves, but doing the things that are most pleasing to God. Doing charitable acts without calling attention to ourselves. These are the good deeds that are rewarded by God. Building a new Church should not be a goal in and of itself, rather a byproduct of all of these actions.

**Q: What legacy would you like today's parishioners to develop and leave for future generations during the next 25 years?**

**A:** We need to work to get it right, as much as humanly possible, each and every day. The only legacy that counts is if the Lord upon his coming can say to us, "Well done good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Master." We need to remember that we are in the business of pleasing God!

## Learn About Orthodox Christianity



"Know the Faith," an eight-week class on the basic teachings of the Orthodox Christian Church will begin on Thursday evening, Sept. 20 at 7pm in the Conference Room.

This class will discuss the history and development of Orthodox Christianity, its teachings and traditions, along with its similarities and differences with other Christian traditions.

It is an adult education class, for those who would like to learn for the first time, or perhaps review, what the Orthodox Church is all about. It is a fascinating and very rich history. Orthodox and especially non-Orthodox are invited to attend.

Please call/email the church office to let us know in advance if you'll be attending so enough materials can be prepared. Refreshments will also be provided.



## Sundays in September

No less than 30 opportunities now exist - from baking bread to decorating with flowers, from Bible study to Folk dancing, from singing, socializing and serving others to greeting visitors, public speaking and creative writing - for parishioners, young and old, to put their talents to use and become excited about being active in Church life.

This month, the Council of Ministries presents Sundays in September, beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 and continuing each Sunday throughout this month. During the Coffee Hour following the Liturgy, everyone will have the opportunity to speak with the various ministry and parish organization leaders to get a better understanding of what they're all about.

The benefits? There are many, and come from both Giving and Receiving. For those who want to give, to put their God-given talents to use, there are a variety of ministries and committees to choose from. For others that want to receive, whether to increase knowledge or awareness from books and classes or from fellowship with others, many other opportunities exist.

Either way, our parish ministries and activities provide opportunities

to expand our faith, our knowledge, our ability to serve others, and our relationship with God.

Do you have a special talent? Have you always wanted to be involved in an organization with a worthwhile cause? Do you want to help make a difference in the world? Now you have a great opportunity!

If you aren't sure what talents you have to offer, sign up for the Seminar on Spiritual Gifts, a series of six one-hour sessions designed to help discover our God-given talents and abilities.

This is your Church, and each member, everyone, is an integral part of the whole. This Church, as St. Paul teaches, is a divine and human living organization; the Body of Christ, the Church established by Christ the Lord.

To be a member of a Church does not mean to sign a membership card and pay annual dues! It means being a disciple of Christ, committing your life to following and worshiping Him, and participating in the Communal and Sacramental life of the Church. This is first and foremost our responsibility as Christians.

But no Church community should only meet on Sunday mornings! The Church family also forms

groups, committees, teams, organizations, ministries. Why? To share our faith, and to express our love for others, as Christ taught. This is also our way of fulfilling our parish Mission Statement, "...to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Faith."

This is why we create the various ministries in our Church - to keep your ties to the Church strong, to help each other grow in faith, in knowledge and to work together to help make the world a better place.

Do you have a heart for praying for others?

Would you enjoy taking photos of parish events? Can you help teach our youth in Sunday School, visit shut-ins or parishioners who are in the hospital?

The list is long, and it continues to grow! Take the time on Sundays this month during the Coffee Hour, and see for yourself. Talk with the committee chairs, and find out how you can help, and see how belonging and being active helps you!

There is a place for everyone at St. Haralambos Church.

*Do you have a heart for praying for others?*



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**Rev. Michael Pallad**

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### Sunday Worship

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

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George Miller  
Dean Milonas

Tony Panousopoulos  
Chris Theotocatos  
Peter Vardalos  
Dorothy Vordos  
Lee Vordos  
Ken Wrona

## Soul Food

### On Irritability

"The Christian has no reason to harbor in his heart any ill-feeling whatever towards anyone. Such ill-feeling, like every other evil, is the work of the Devil. The Christian must have only love in his heart; and as love cannot think evil, he cannot have any ill-feeling towards others."

From Spiritual Counsels  
by Father John of  
Kronstadt

## From Japan to a Taste of Greece

Dennis Georgen, President, Parish Council

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to Japan to visit our son who is stationed in Okinawa. The Japanese impressed me with their unbelievable customer service and efficiency. For example, on arrival it took us only 40 minutes to clear immigration and claim our bags. On our return, the same process in Los Angeles took over two hours. We found Okinawans to be very friendly and welcoming, and Tokyo to be unbelievably crowded! And, yes, I mastered the use of chopsticks.

During our stay we visited many interesting places, toured many of the most important landmarks and learned much about the Japanese culture. Of particular interest to me was Tokyo's Sensoji Temple. Besides the very large and impressive temple and pagoda, there was a busy marketplace nearby where one could buy most anything. Near the Temple is a large fire pit where people write their prayers on a piece of paper and then offer them up as incense. Also nearby is a fountain where one dips one of many small metal cups, sips and rinses their mouth, spitting the water out in the drain around the fountain. Observing this ritual and seeing hundreds of people drinking from the same cups fascinated me since the Japanese are remarkably conscientious of sanitation.

Our tour guide explained to us how the faithful believe that the wafting smoke emanating from the pit and the water from the fountain are rites of purification. I learned that Buddhism is polytheistic, and the Japanese are flexibly multi-religious. They combine Shintoism, which focuses on the living, with Buddhism for answers to the after-life.

As I walked the Temple grounds I wondered to myself how it is possible that so many obviously faithful people have not heard of or perhaps considered Christ's message. And then I reflected how the nearby marketplace was not all that different from Arrowhead Mall. Good people living their lives, going about their business, yet unaware of Christ's love.

In a recent report, "Global Index of Religiosity and Atheism – 2012," 31% of Japanese consider themselves atheist, and another 31% consider themselves non-religious, leaving a smaller percentage of religious. In this same research conducted by the Gallup organization, the U. S. was reported to be 30% non-religious, 5% undecided, 5% atheist, and 60% as religious. Not so bad in comparison, however, the trend is concerning as just 7 years ago, 73% of Americans considered themselves to be religious; a drop of 13% since 2005.

Our Parish Mission Statement states 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."* If the survey is accurate, four in ten of our neighbors are not presently religious and many of them may be seeking to know Jesus.

In late October we will again be hosting our annual Taste of Greece Festival. We all understand how the income from our festival covers the gap between our Stewardship income and our operating expenses. However, if the only reason that we host our Festival is to make the money needed to pay our bills, we are missing the point.

A few weeks ago Fr. Michael began his sermon speaking about how one of his

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## Philoptochos

By Reni Milonas, President

*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15*

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are now feeling rejuvenated for another productive year of helping the poor, sick, and elderly.

We have started a new circle of Philoptochos called, "The Sacred Sewers." Our initial on-going project will be making, Heart Huggy Pillows. This project will assist cardiac bypass patients in their recovery. Heart Huggy Pillows are used after bypass surgery for when the patient sits up in bed, cough, sneeze, laugh, and for seat belt use when driving. The patients use their pillows until their chest bones heal. We are very excited about this new ministry and Boswell Hospital is looking forward to their delivery of huggy pillows. We will also provide huggy pillows for Abrazio Health as well. If you would like to help but can't sew, we are in need of fiber fill to stuff the

pillows and cotton material donations. Please see me if you have any questions.

Our first Philoptochos meeting will be September 10th at 6 pm and will be a potluck. We will play Bunco after the meeting. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift if you plan to play.



## From Japan to a Taste of Greece

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peers, a Christian Pastor of another denomination, who read the same Bible as he, could have a view 180 degrees opposite what we Orthodox believe regarding the nature of man. The unfortunate reality is, in our pluralistic American society, your opinion is as valid as mine. What sets us apart is that we Orthodox have a Tradition dating back to the very founding of the Church on the day of Pentecost. The unchanged Truths that our Church teaches are what so many in the world hunger to hear today.

As we prepare for our 2012 Taste of Greece Festival, let's think about our

larger purpose. Our Festival is not only an opportunity for some of us to showcase our Greek heritage; it is and should be an opportunity for ALL of us to showcase our Church and our Orthodox Faith. Yes, it is important we make sure the food is tastily prepared, the lines flow smoothly, that there is enough shaded seating, that everything is ready. But, what are we doing to make ready to welcome our guests to our CHURCH, and to let them know who we are and what we believe as Orthodox Christians? What are we planning to do new and different this year as a "Christ-centered Community" to be that "living presence to those around us?"

## Name Days

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

St. Symeon (1st)  
St. Sozon (7th)  
St. Efrosynos (11th)  
St. Niketas (15th)  
St. Euphemia (16th)  
Sts. Faith, Hope and Love (17th)  
and their mother Sophia  
St. Euphrosyne (25th)  
St. Chariton (29th)  
St. Gregory (30th)



## St. Christopher's Bookstore

**The Illumined Heart** by Frederica Mathewes-Green, 2001

*"Illumine our hearts, O Master who lovest mankind, with the pure light of thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds to the understanding of thy Gospel teachings....for thou art the illumination of our soul and bodies, O Christ our God." (Prayer before the reading of the Gospel Liturgy of St. James, Fourth Century)*

In "The Illumined Heart," Frederica Mathewes-Green draws from the world views and wisdom of the early Christians to discuss current challenges on such topics as repentance, fasting, and prayer. She uses the image of an athlete to refer to Christians whose ultimate journey is "theosis" – to be filled with the presence of God. This analogy was frequently used by St. Paul to refer to the spiritual and lifelong training necessary to "be in Christ."

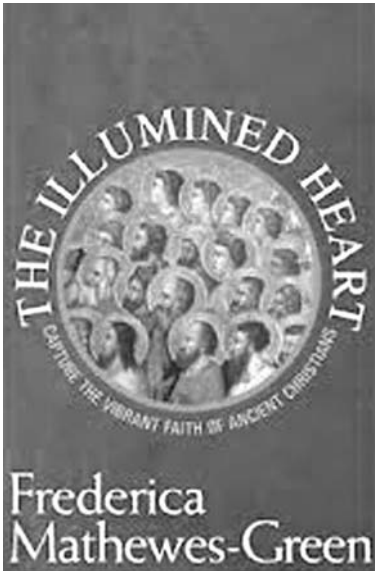
Repentance is the first step toward theosis. The author writes, "Repentance enlarges the heart... and the sorrow tendered to God is no longer for ourselves alone.... With all creation we groan, crying out to God for his healing and mercy." Repentance is not the same as sadness; Abba Isaiah believed that sadness was sinful because it sapped ones' strength. The author however writes that sadness is joy...."it does not weigh on the soul, but says to it 'Do not be afraid! Up! Return! God knows that man is weak, and strengthens him.'" Other reflections on repentance include that repentance is insight rather than emotion and that it involves knowledge and clarity.

In addition, the athlete questing toward theosis must find exercises to strengthen self-control and self-direction. The author writes that "the most basic exercise is fasting." Fasting disciplines the body, which, in turn, helps to discipline the

mind and ward off temptation. Like physical exercise, fasting is meant to "strengthen the Christian, not break him." The author quotes the Didache "if you are able to bear the Lord's yoke in its entirety, you will be perfect, if you are not able, then do what you can. And in the matter of food, do what you can stand." Other forms of self-discipline can involve abstaining from pursuits of pleasure or activities of self-indulgence. Similar to fasting from food, this quieting of the impulses and taming of passions leads to healthier living and serves as "a way of honoring creation and preparing for eternity."

An ultimate union with Christ is not possible without prayer. Prayer is difficult because it requires incredible mental discipline. The art of vigilance and the focus required to pray are not easy. Wandering thoughts distract and scatter us. Saint Nicodemus tells us to attempt prayer from the heart, "placing [one's] mind within the heart and, without speaking with the mouth, but only with inner words spoken in the heart, saying this brief and single prayer: 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.' Repeating this prayer throughout the day drives out "aimless chatter that would otherwise occupy [us]....and as a result the passions are subdued....murmuring like a brook, the prayer becomes the background music of every other thought and deed in life. It beats in the heart through long years..."

The book includes a beautiful prayer from Nikolai Velimirovic, who was a Serbian bishop. It is about forgiving our enemies and is very moving. This small book, full of wit, wisdom, and humor is a pleasure to read and is an essential for anyone striving to strengthen their faith.



## Youth Group

We would like to thank all the parishioners of our church for the support given to the Youth Group the last two years. We are asking again for your generosity. The Youth Group is a self-sustaining ministry at our church. We rely upon two fundraisers a year: the pancake breakfast on Cheesefare Sunday and the donations given for the community Pascha card. The Youth Group does not have a line on our church's budget, so we are asking for your help. Our group meets monthly for activities, volunteers in our community and church, and hosts a Holy Friday Retreat that is growing each year. Looking forward, we would like to continue to grow our Youth Group by adding a children's choir and a week-long Vacation Church School in the summer. With your financial support and prayers, our ministry will continue to grow because the youth are the future of St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church.

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 4-7 pm in the social hall. We will begin learning about

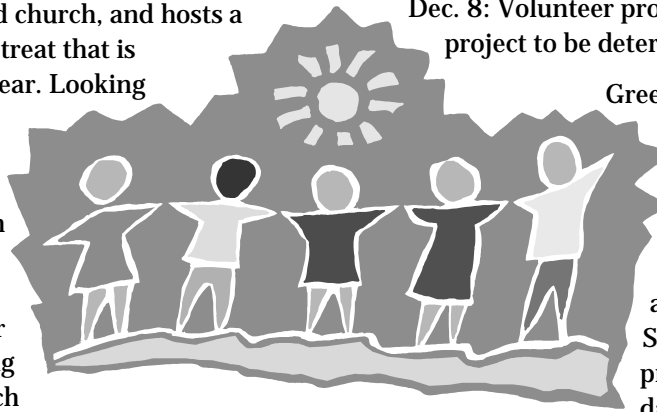
the Theotokos, which is our theme for the year. Our time together will consist of a lesson, activity, music, games, prayer, and pot-luck dinner. Our first pot-luck theme will be a salad bar. Bring a few of your favorite salad toppings to share (lettuce will be provided). Also, mark your calendar now for the following dates:

Sept. 8: Salad bar Potluck

Oct. 13: Mexican Potluck

Nov. 10: Thanksgiving Potluck

Dec. 8: Volunteer project; time and project to be determined



Greek dance practice will be held each Sunday following Divine Liturgy and Sunday School in preparation for dancing at our

Greek Food Festival. For any questions, please see Olga Frederickson.

Also, find our Youth Group on Facebook; search for St. Haralambos Youth Group to stay up to date.

## Land Sale

By Dean Milonas, Treasurer

Upon reading this, our sale of the land at 75th & Greenway should be complete and we will be refinancing our loan within days. It is in our best interest, and our children's future, to reduce this amount as much as possible. Please contribute generously towards this very important ac-

tion. This will greatly benefit our community moving forward, and allow us to invest more money towards 'the good works of our faith, that are most pleasing to God'. Please write 'mortgage reduction' on the memo line of your check.

May god bless your generosity.

## *Birthdays*



Elaine Tsialafos (2)  
Nebiel Desta (3)  
Gary Nicholas Jr. (3)  
Angie Cholas (4)  
Demetrios Gryparis (4)  
Emily Wirsing (6)  
Katherine Tally (7)  
Andrei Sofronie (12)  
Diane Nicholas (13)  
Michael Stakias (13)  
Erini Papamatheakis (14)  
Milan Sofronie (16)  
Penny Obren (17)  
Nicholas Tremoulis (17)  
Florence Curran (19)  
Kathleen Harvey (19)  
P. Chris Theotocatos (19)  
Trenton Wilkins (20)  
Raymond Wismierski (20)  
Jane Milonas (22)  
Zara Sofronie (23)  
Christine Batalis (24)  
Irene Howerin (24)  
Jacob Harris (27)

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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

**PARENT INFORMATION** Completed by (please check): Mother\_\_\_\_ Father\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** (other than parent or guardian)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILDREN

Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	GRADE (Secular School)

**MEDICAL INFORMATION** Please list medical problems, allergies, restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**We Need Your Help!** Please make your selection(s):

☐ Snack Coordinator (Scheduling, shopping, set up & clean up)

☐ Snack Volunteer (Set up & clean up)

Pick one or more Sundays of the month e.g.: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Christmas Program Director

☐ Christmas Program Volunteer

☐ Holy Friday Retreat

☐ **Teacher**

☐ **Teacher Assistant**

☐ **Substitute Teacher**

Select age group: ☐ Nursery (age 1 1/2 -2 1/2 yrs)

☐ PreK/K (age 3 - 5 yrs)

☐ 1st - 3rd Grade

☐ 4th - 6th Grade

☐ 7th - 8th Grade

☐ 9th - 12th Grade

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## Sunday School

By Martha Stithem, Sunday School Director & Teacher

Soon Sunday School classes will be starting and we welcome not only our returning students, but also any youth who have made St. Haralambos their new church home. Since they have moved up a grade level, several of our returning students will join a new class and teacher. This year K-3rd will be taught by me, Martha Stithem. Andriana Henson will teach the 4th-6th Grades. The 7th-12th Grades will be taught by monthly teacher pool volunteers: Annette Bolinsky, Paul DeTrana, and Irene Schniepp. At this time, there is a need for monthly teacher pool members to teach the Pre-school class for ages 3-4 years old.

The Sunday School Ministry needs help from not only the parents, but also other parish members. Remember, we all are members of Christ's Body and each and everyone has a part to play in His Church. Please give prayerful consideration to sharing your Time and Talent in any of

the following areas: Teacher or Teacher Assistant, Substitute Teacher or Guest Speaker, Snack Coordinator or Volunteer, and Christmas Program Director or Volunteer. Although it's ideal to commit for the entire school year as a teacher, we gladly will accept any short-term commitments as you are able. Please contact me about joining the monthly teacher pool. I can be reached via email at [mjstithem@cox.net](mailto:mjstithem@cox.net) or phone 623-936-5896.

Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, Sept. 9 immediately following Holy Communion. Teachers and students will proceed to the social hall for a short, light snack before class. Please see the new registration form in this month's inTouch or pick one up from the office. There is no registration fee this year, but we do ask for your continued prayers for our students and teachers.



## Taste of Greece Festival

By Pam Lemons, Chairman

The Festival is less than two months away and soon the kitchen and social hall will be filled with volunteers preparing the delicious Greek food and pastries that Festival goers rave about year after year. While our food is excellent, our parishioners and volunteers are key to the Festival's success. Please take a minute to fill out the volunteer form and return it to the Church as soon as possible.

2012 Greek Festival: October 26, 27, & 28  
**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 |  |  |   |   |

**I am available to work the following shifts:**

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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 Penny: 623-214-1289, 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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Spring/Summer, 2012

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the “Taste of Greece” Food and Dance Festival at St. Haralambos Church in northwest Peoria. This annual event will be held October 26, 27 and 28, 2012 at the Church grounds located at 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road. The “Taste of Greece” is the only Greek Festival in the greater west/northwest valley and thousands of residents and visitors attend each year from all areas of the valley.

The entire parish is very excited for the 25th Annual Greek Festival and hope to include as many community partners in the celebration as possible. This anniversary year, Abrazo Health Care has agreed to serve as a major Corporate Sponsor and we are currently seeking additional sponsors/supporters to help offset the expenses of the Festival and respectfully request that you consider participating. The attached sponsorship document identifies various sponsorship levels; however, any amount is greatly appreciated and all donors will receive appropriate recognition during the event. For your records, the Federal tax ID number for St. Haralambos Church is 86-0594146.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 623-486-8665. Thank you in advance for your consideration and we hope that you will join us as a Festival supporter and also for a spectacular weekend of homemade Greek cuisine, pastries, live entertainment and fun on October 26-28 at the 25th Annual Taste of Greece. OPA!

Sincerely,

Pam Lemons  
Festival Chairman

**ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**2012 "TASTE OF GREECE" FOOD AND DANCE FESTIVAL**  
October 26, 27 & 28, 2012  
**SPONSORSHIP FORM**

**Company Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**FESTIVAL PROGRAM ADVERTISING**

**AD DEADLINE: September 24, 2012**

Check One	Type	Amount	Benefit
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOLD	\$10,000	Company name/logo in all promotional materials, news releases, event website, corporate tent and sponsor-provided banner displayed at event, verbal recognition during event; 10 free admission & dinner tickets. <i>(Banner size/ placement determined by event staff.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SILVER	\$5,000	Company/Name/logo in all promotional materials, news releases, event website, sponsor tent, recognition in event program, verbal recognition at the event; 5 free dinner tickets.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BRONZE	\$1,000	Booth sponsor banner displayed at event, name recognition in event program. <i>(Banner size/ placement determined by event staff.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	OLYMPIAN	\$500	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATHENIAN	\$100	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPARTAN	\$50	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	BOOSTER	\$25	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (please specify - food, gift card, etc.):	\$ _____	Name recognized in event Program

**Please provide logo, or business card in .jpg format or camera ready artwork.**

Email artwork to: pamruss30@msn.com

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!**

**Please return completed form to:**

Pam Lemons, Greek Festival  
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church  
7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Peoria, AZ 85383

*For tax purposes, St. Haralambos Federal Tax ID Number is: 86-0594146*

# SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>The Day of Indiction</b> Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year
<b>2</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b> (Church Office Closed)	<b>4</b>  7:00pm Men's Choir	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>The Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
<b>9</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Begin Grandparents Sunday Holy Cross Seminary Program	<b>10</b>  6:00pm Philoptochos Potluck 7:00pm Parish Council	<b>11</b>  7:00pm Men's Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  7:00pm Choir	<b>14</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>The Elevation of the Holy Cross</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy IOCC Offering Tray	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  7:00pm Men's Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:00pm Know the Faith 7:00pm Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>24</b>  7:00pm Executive Council	<b>25</b>  7:00pm Men's Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  7:00pm Know the Faith 7:00pm Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy						

# FESTIVAL BAKING AND FOOD PREP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30am <b>Tsourekia</b> Our Kitchen	<b>6</b> 8:30am <b>Tsourekia</b> Our Kitchen
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am <b>Prep Tiropites &amp; Spanakopites</b> Our Kitchen	<b>9</b> 9:00am <b>Tiropites</b> Social Hall	<b>10</b> 9:00am <b>Spanakopites</b> Social Hall	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am <b>Koulouria</b> Social Hall	<b>13</b> 9:00am <b>Koulouria</b> Social Hall
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00am <b>Mousaka</b> *CCV	<b>16</b> 9:00am <b>Pastitsio</b> *CCV	<b>17</b> 9:00am <b>Kourabiedes</b> Our Kitchen	<b>18</b> 10:00am <b>Prep Dolmades</b> Our Kitchen	<b>19</b> 9:00am <b>Melomakarouna</b> Social Hall	<b>20</b> 9:00am <b>Dolmades &amp; Paximadia</b> Social Hall
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am <b>Baklava</b> *CCV	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am <b>Melo Dipping</b> Pastry Room <b>Cooking Lamb</b> Our Kitchen	<b>25</b> 9:00am <b>Pastry Packing</b> Pastry Room	<b>26</b> <b>OPA!</b>	<b>27</b> <b>OPA!</b>
<b>28</b> <b>OPA!</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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

**SIGN UP WITH PENNY OBREN: 623-214-1289**