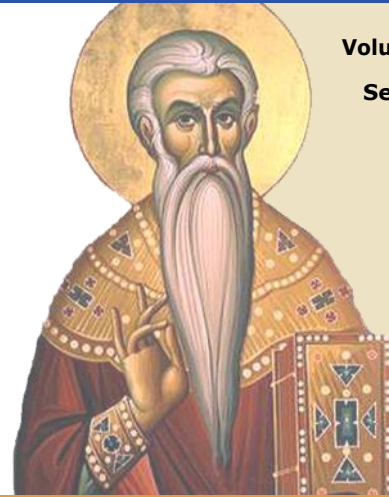


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Classes begin at 6pm on Wednesday, September 14.

See page 6 for information and Registration Form.

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

Please mark your calendars for our September "Koukla's Kitchen Potluck" on Thursday, Sep. 15 at 11:30 am, in Fellowship Hall at church. We can plan for the upcoming months and enjoy the fellowship! Please know that I have also invited the Desert Diamonds from Holy Trinity & Assumption as well as Xrisi Parea from St. Katherine's, to join us, I expect that we will have several attending. Let us be hospitable to our Christian friends. Please see list of menu items needed.

Please plan on enough for up to eight people:

- Chicken Salad – Croissants
- Potato Salad
- Garden Salad
- Fresh fruit
- Jello dessert
- Soda/Iced tea/Lemonade
- Cake – Cookies
- Paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils & cups

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

Sep. 15. I have made a \$325 deposit payment on Aug. 1 in order to hold the good seats that I have reserved.

As always the Arizona Winds Concert Band will be performing at the end of October. Details have not as yet been released. I will send them out as soon as I have received them.

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

Bible Study - Begins Monday, Sept 12, 10am

Lay Aside All Earthly Care

Sound familiar? Yes, it's our invitation each week to leave this world and its cares behind as we ascend to the kingdom in order to celebrate the marriage feast.



This is another invitation to lay aside all earthly care and study God's Word together. Bible study classes will begin Monday, Sep. 12 at 10 am. All are welcome and encouraged to attend

whether a seasoned student of scripture or a 'newbie'. Please respond to: Elizabeth Martell, 623-221-2901 or nemsemail@gmail .com

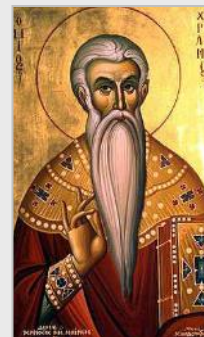
More details to come. Watch the Sunday bulletin.

Food for thought - In the Revelation to John, chapter 2, verse 4, the church at Ephesus is charged with leaving their 'first love'. Where do WE stand? Do our hearts "burn within us" as the traveler's response on the road to Emmaus, or can we declare with the Psalmist, "as the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs for You, O God?"

Parish 30th Anniversary

2017 marks the 30th anniversary of Saint Haralambos Church! Events are being planned for a wonderful celebration.

All parish families are invited to be photographed, at no cost, to be included in the 30th anniversary parish directory. Photo sessions will be in early December; sign-ups will be available soon!





Feast of the Holy Cross

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1Cor.1:18)

The first major Feastday of the New Church Year is celebrated on the 14th of September, the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. This holy day commemorates the finding of the cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified by Saint Helen, mother of Saint Constantine. It was a miraculous journey and discovery, and is worth re-printing here. (source: GOARCH.org)

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered.

The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation.

At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole.

Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy."

It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country. Later, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Orthodox churches all over the world commemorate this great feast with a special procession of the cross, decorated with basil, the herb growing above the place where the cross was found. The slow processional Trisagion hymn is chanted together with the other hymns of the feast: "O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting Your rulers to prevail over adversaries; and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross."

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In the Matins service we read the following prayer each Sunday, "You were lifted up upon the cross of your own will, Christ our God. Grant your mercy upon the people that bear your name. In your strength make glad the Orthodox, giving them victory over their adversaries. May they have your alliance as a weapon of peace, and an in-vincible trophy."

We are reminded of the great spiritual battle we all face as followers of the Christian life. Taking up the appropriate weapons gives us spiritual strength – the cross as a "weapon of peace" being a prime example.

Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Holy Cross will be celebrated Wednesday morning, Sep. 14 at 9 am.



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Sunday Worship

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

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September 11 2001 – 2016

A special Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, Sep. 11 following the Divine Liturgy, commemorating the 15-year anniversary of the attacks of Sep. 11, 2001. An update on the construction of Saint Nicholas National Shrine (at Ground Zero) will be shown as well.



Birthdays



Anna Kurilova (2)
Elaine Tzialafos (2)
Gary Nicholas (3)
Angie Cholas (4)
Nicoleta Balog (5)
Katherine Tally (7)
Theodora Stoia (10)
Erini Papamatheakis (14)
Sabrina Gavrilidis (16)
Solomon Woldesilassie (16)
Penny Obren (17)
Efrosini Curran (19)
Kathleen Harvey (19)
P. Chris Theotocatos (19)
Trenton Wilkins (20)
Pamela Agelastos (21)
Philip Williamson (21)
Jane Milonas (22)
Christine Batalis (24)
Irene Howerin (24)
Lydia Ghebrehiwot (25)
Michael Dicks (29)
Alexander Milonas (30)

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.

Conversational Greek

Those who would like to meet for fellowship and to learn essential conversational Greek are invited to join Irene Nathanson on Sunday Oct. 9 following the coffee hour. Irene will facilitate a very casual group practice lesson for six weeks to focus on the pronunciation of every day basic Greek.



This group is NOT about learning the Greek alphabet or learning to read or write the Greek language, it is NOT about

grammar or extensive vocabulary. It IS about practicing key conversational phrases and learning useful every day modern Greek words. There are no textbooks, and the content is based on what participants want to learn or practice. There is no fee, only the desire to continue the usage of a beautiful and historic language. If you plan to

attend, please contact Irene at horseyg2@cox.net.

Sunday School

Parents and students are reminded that Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, Sep. 11. Following Holy Communion, students and teachers will proceed to their classrooms.

We thank and welcome back our teaching staff: Jean Baxter (not pictured) and Jeannette Hollander (not pictured) (High School); Tina Clark and Lindsay Vardalos (not pictured) (Grades 4-6); Ann Henson, Melanie Singleton, Irene Nathanson (Grades K-3); Tony Panousopoulos and Stephanie Tremoulis (Pre-K).





St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

Summer break is over! I hope everyone had a happy, restful summer and that we can now focus on another year of charitable acts and joyous fellowship. Please plan to attend our first Philoptochos meeting of the church year on Monday, Sep. 12. It will be a potluck dinner, followed by a business meeting, that starts at 6 pm in the Social Hall.

Please don't forget the less fortunate by donating non-perishable items for the Food Bank.

I hope to see all current and newly interested members at our first meeting! Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome to come and find out what our ministry does to fulfill our mission of helping the disadvantaged. Join us to channel your passion for God and kindness into acts of care!

Fall Shopping

Want to get a jump start on holiday shopping? Yia Yia's Attic will be setting up shop during coffee hour one Sunday a month this Fall (Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11). New and gently used items

and collectibles will be available at reasonable prices. So don't miss out, do a little shopping and support your Church too!



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October 1 at 8 am

Please come help build a roof over the storage space in the east parking lot. Lunch will be served.

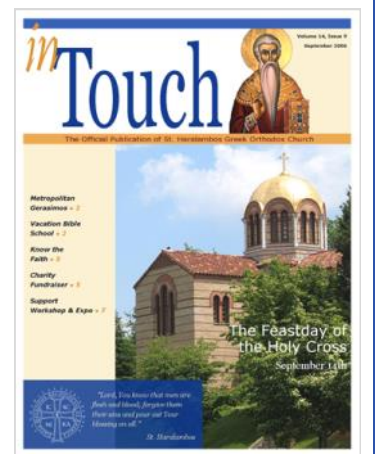


In Touch Newsletter Distribution

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

Please send any email address changes to 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.



Name Days

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

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

The Way, An Introduction to the Orthodox Christian Faith

Please join us for this wonderful 12-week program, beginning Wednesday, September 14 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Room. Each evening will begin with dinner, followed by the topic of the evening, small group discussion and ending with a Question and Answer session.

Evening Agenda

Dinner 6pm – 6:30pm

Presentation: 6:45 – 7:30pm

Small Group Discussion: 7:30pm – 8pm

Question and Answer panel: 8pm – 8:30pm

Registration Fee

Received by September 1: \$50/person; \$80/couple

Received after September 1: \$60/person; \$100/couple

Wednesday Evenings

1. Sep. 14: The Search for Faith
2. Sep. 21: God the Holy Trinity
3. Sep. 28: Being Human: Fully Alive
4. Oct. 5: Why Did Jesus Come to Us?
5. Oct. 12: Salvation in Christ
6. Oct. 19: The Holy Spirit
7. Oct. 26: What on Earth is the Church?
8. Nov. 2: Living the Faith: The Divine Liturgy
9. Nov. 9: Living the Faith: The Holy Mysteries
10. Nov. 16: Living the Faith: The Bible, Prayer and Fasting
Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Break
11. Nov. 30: Living the Faith: Christian Behavior
12. Dec. 7: Heaven on Earth: Members of the Church and Citizens of Heaven

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Payment Method

Check (payable to Saint Haralambos Church) enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card (Available Sundays during Coffee Hour)

Mail Registration Forms to St. Haralambos Church, 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., Peoria, Arizona 85383



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	5 Labor Day (Office Closed)	6	7	8 9:00am Divine Liturgy Nativity of the Theotokos 7:00pm Choir	9	10
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