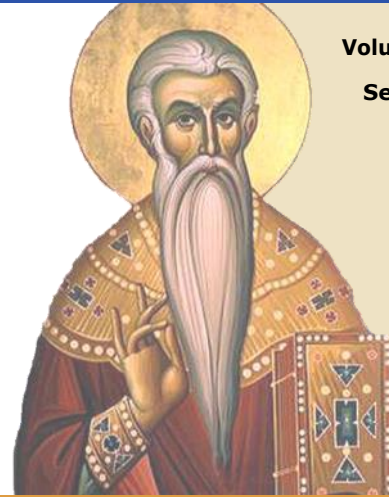


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Prayer in the Orthodox Church



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

Adult Education

This Fall, two options for Adult Education will be available to choose from at St. Haralambos Church. The first, Track A, is geared for those who are looking for an introduction to the teachings and traditions of Orthodox Christianity, and begins with the Documentary Film, *Becoming Truly Human*, on Tuesday, Sep. 12, and continues with "Journey to Fullness," a 10-session course beginning Wednesday evening, Sep. 20 (see page 5 for details).

The second option, Track B, is a survey of the local, national and international ministries of the Orthodox Church. How is the Orthodox Church engaged in large-scale Christian ministry? From Home Building to Disaster Relief, Missions and Evangelism to Prison Ministry, the variety and scope of Orthodox Christian ministries extend all across our planet. Informative presentations will be made on a selection of these ministries for general education as well as volunteer and career opportunities (see page 5 for details).

Both Tracks begin at 6 pm with dinner in our Fellowship Room. Following dinner, Track A classes will meet in the Church, and Track B presentations will take place in the Fellowship Room.

Registration for both Tracks A and B is required: Please complete the Registration Form and return to the church office by Sunday, Sep. 17.



Bible Study

II Timothy 3:16

"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

Wow, it's easy to see that all of us need a little help in one area or another; teaching, reproof, training in righteousness, equipped for good work.

Together, let's allow GOD's WORD to inspire us into action!

When: Tuesday, September 12th

Time: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Where: Church conference room

Contact Elizabeth at elizabethm10562@gmail.com if you're interested or simply need more information.

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.



Prayer in the Orthodox Christian Tradition

(continued from last month)

To begin with, there is not enough room in this (or any other) newsletter, to give adequate space for examples of the various kinds of prayers found in the Orthodox Christian tradition. The prayers primarily come from the many worship services (Divine Liturgy, Vespers, Matins, Compline, etc.) but there are many others have been written for personal devotion as well.

It is not unusual for Orthodox priests to get requests to bless new cars, new homes and businesses, vineyards and fields, requests for prayers before and after surgery, before and after travel, for the start of the school year, and the list goes on and on. (This “list” by the way, is found in the Orthodox Priest’s Prayer Book, so we are ready for nearly any occasion.)

And why not? Is asking help or blessings from God, or thanking God, ever going to be inappropriate? Let’s hope not.

Where does prayer originate from? When we read through Holy Scriptures we find many examples of prayer. Beginning with the Old Testament book, Genesis, did Adam and Eve pray in the Garden of Eden? They conversed with God, in a very real and intimate dialogue that many of us today would like to experience; but since Adam and Eve had everything needed in their life, did they need to pray as we pray today?

God was an active presence in the lives of Adam and Eve, but even that wasn’t enough to ensure their obedience to God’s will. Could they have been praying for the strength to follow God’s commandment not to eat of the fruit of the tree of Good and Evil? There is no evidence found in Genesis, but one can only imagine how life might have been different if they had!

The first time we see the word “pray” in the bible is in Genesis Chapter 20, long after the Fall of Adam and Eve, in a dialogue between the Patriarch Abraham and King Abimelech, who asked Abraham to pray to God for him. Prayer had become a means for man to communicate with God, primarily to ask for help and reconciliation after sinning against God.

Fast-forward to the New Testament, and in the many prayers of our Lord Jesus, we find something new and remarkable. In Chapter 14 of Saint John’s gospel, Jesus says, “Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (John 14:13)

From this prayer and other New Testament examples, saying prayers “In Jesus’ name” is common in many Christian traditions.

In the 4th and 5th centuries, as the doctrine of the Holy Trinity was being defined and explained, prayers as well as services such as the Divine Liturgy began with “In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Rather than contradicting praying in the Lord’s name, it further reinforced the doctrine of belief in one God in Three Persons, of which our Lord Jesus Christ is God the Son.

This is why prayers in the Orthodox tradition, whether directed to the Lord, the Holy Spirit or God the Father, typically begin with “In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,” or “Blessed is the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,” and end with the same, with the addition of “now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.”

The timing and content of prayers is not as important as our attitude toward prayer.



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Rev. Michael Pallad

Sunday Worship

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

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Parish Council

Marina Finch Nardos Russom
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Birthdays



- Anna Kurilova (2)
- Elaine Tzialafos (2)
- Angie Cholas (4)
- Jonathan "Jon" Bachanos (7)
- Katherine Tally (7)
- Lloyd Covault (9)
- Theodora Stoia (10)
- Erini Papamatheakis (14)
- Sabrina Gavrilidis (16)
- Solomon Woldesilassie (16)
- 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)
- Mogos Asfaha (27)
- 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.

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; Psalm 41:1-2

The new ecclesiastical year brings to mind some thoughts to share. First and foremost I would like to thank our outgoing President, Anna Kinniburgh, for the last two years of tireless leadership and performance by example. Her tenure will be a hard act to follow but I am pleased to serve as new President and look forward to the challenges ahead.

We will be starting the new year on Monday, Sep. 11 at 6 pm with a Pot Luck dinner followed by a business meeting. All are welcome! Please come and see your Philoptochos in action as we prepare to lay the groundwork for this year's ministries. Our efforts must expand as we take on more and more commitments to help our brothers and sisters in need.

This year we will continue offering some favorite baked goodies and deli items for your home on the first Sunday of each month. Because of the Labor Day weekend we will offer our first Deli/Bake Sale on Sunday, September 10th. We will be featuring, **Koulourakia, Paximadia, Feta Cheese, Kalamata & Marinated Cracked Green Olives**. All the items we offer are reasonably priced and your

support helps us to achieve our goals. Besides supporting our monthly Deli/Bake Sale, there are multiple ways you can help.

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour.
- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- 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.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



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) | |

2017 Youth Family Registration Form

For families with children in Nursery – High School

PARENT INFORMATION

FATHER

Last Name, First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

MOTHER

Last Name, First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (other than parent or guardian)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

CHILDREN

Last Name, First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Grade level	Medical Issues, Allergies, Physical Restrictions

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Sunday Snacks

Christmas Program Holy Friday Retreat

Classroom Assistant

Preferred Level: Pre-K (age 3 - 4 yrs) K-3rd Grade 4th-6th Grade

7th-8th Grade 9th-12th Grade

Event Chaperone

Event Transportation

Please return to the Church office or email to StHaralambos@qwestoffice.net

Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Peoria, Arizona

2017 Adult Education Registration Form

Evening Agenda: 6:00 pm: Dinner | 7:00 pm: Class Presentations | 7:30 pm: Discussion/Q&A

Dinner will be in the Fellowship Room (beverages will be available throughout the evening).
Following dinner, Track A Classes meet in the Church; Track B presentations remain in the Fellowship Room.

Name(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

REGISTRATION FEE

- Track A: \$50/person; \$80/couple (includes dinner)
- Track B: \$60/person; \$100/couple (includes dinner and workbook)

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash or Check (payable to St. Haralambos Church) \$_____ (enclose with registration form)

Credit Card (available weekdays in the Church Office or Sundays during coffee fellowship)

If mailing the registration form, please enclose payment and send to:
St. Haralambos Church, 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 17, 2017

Adult Education Program

Date	Track A: A Journey to Fullness	Track B: Orthodox Christian Ministries
Tue, Sep 12	Documentary Film: Becoming Truly Human, 11 am and 6 pm	
Wed, Sep 20, 6 pm	Session 1: Is this Trip Really Necessary?	Orthodox Christian Network
Wed, Sep 27, 6 pm	Session 2: What is the Orthodox Church?	Orthodox Christian Fellowship
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
Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm	Session 7: Truth and Tradition	Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm	Session 8: How Do I Understand the Bible?	Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm	Session 9: When We Say God (Part 1)	International Orthodox Christian Charities
Wed, Nov 22	Thanksgiving (no class)	Thanksgiving (no class)
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm	Session 10: When We Say God (Part 2)	Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	4 Labor Day (office closed)	5	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy Miracle of the Archangel Michael	7 7:00pm Choir	8 9:00am Divine Liturgy Nativity of the Theotokos	9
10 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	11 6:30pm Philoptochos Pot Luck	12 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am & 6:00pm Film: Becoming Truly Human 7:00pm Bible Study	13	14 9:00am Divine Liturgy Feast of the Holy Cross 7:00pm Choir	15	16
17 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	18	19 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	20 6:00pm Adult Education Session 1	21 7:00pm Choir	22	23
24 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	25	26 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	27 6:00pm Adult Education Session 2	28 7:00pm Choir	29	30