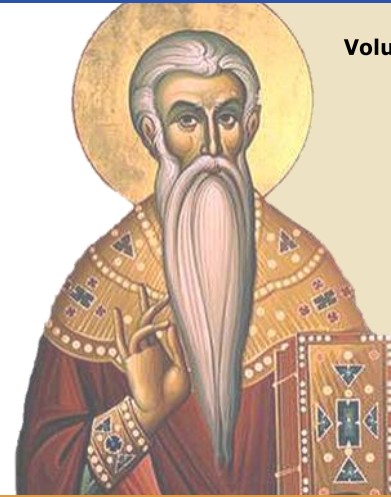


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Christ Is Risen! Christus Surrexit!
Cristo ha resucitado!

Christos harjav i merelotz!
Si Cristo ay nabuhay! Meshiha qam!
Christus ist auferstanden!

Tá Críost éirithe!
Le Christ est ressuscité!
Kristo Amefufukka! Hristós diril-Di!
Christos anesti!

Al-Masih-Qam!
Ha Masheeha houh kam!
Kristos Tenestwal! Christos tensiou!

Cristo è risorto! Kriste aghsdga!
Christos Voskrese! Hristos a înviat!

God's message of life and love!

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

Front Entry Portico

The dream is nearing reality! Waiting now for the installation of the cross and dome!



Further updates will be posted on our website (www.stharalambos.org) and our Facebook page.

If you have not yet done so, please consider donating to this wonderful project that is sure to increase the visibility of our church in our neighborhood. Donations can be made online at www.stharalambos.org, by clicking the Online Donations and Prayers button, then the Donate button at the bottom of the page, and select the Entry Portico from the drop-down menu. Thank you!



Stewardship

We ask and encourage all our parish families to send in the Stewardship form each year, together with their offerings of time, talents and treasure. If Saint Haralambos Church is the church you regularly attend, please consider becoming a steward, one who not only supports the church financially, but also with involvement in parish ministries and activities.

There are no Membership Dues in the Orthodox Church, there is no required minimum or maximum for offerings. Our offerings show our care for the continued functioning of our Church. In addition, being a parish steward fulfills the Archdiocese requirements of being a Member in Good Standing, allowing you to serve as godparents and sponsors for Orthodox sacraments.

Our financial contributions should be a percentage of our financial resources. This continues the biblical teaching on deciding an appropriate amount each year. It is fair because percentage giving is not a fixed amount applicable to all families, and it is biblical because of the teaching of the tithe, or a 10% gift back to the Church. Above all, our giving should be cheerfully given, recognizing our desire - not simply obligation - to give back to God a portion of our blessings we receive from Him.

The 2024 Stewardship brochures are available in the Narthex and the church office. Please print legibly, and enter your contributions of time, talents and treasure. Completed brochures can be mailed to the office or dropped off on Sundays.

Adult Education: Journey to Fullness

Parishioners from the final evening of “A Journey to Fullness” video series by Father Barnabas Powell.

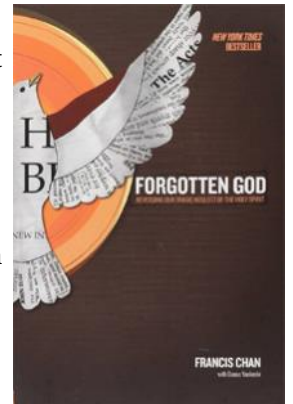


Book Club

All are invited to attend the St. Haralambos Book Club meeting on Monday, May 20 at 1 pm to discuss The Forgotten God by Francis Chan.

“Through solid scriptural support and compelling narrative, breakthrough author Francis Chan returns us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him. He reminds us that we were not created and saved merely to survive our time on earth. Chan contends that we’ve ignored the Spirit and are reaping the disastrous results.”

The Book Club group is taking a summer break but hopes to resume in the Fall. If you love books of faith and Orthodoxy, please consider leading this group! It is a wonderful way to encourage fellowship, reading, and learning! See or contact Irene Nathanson at ireneorRena@cox.net.





Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom

“Whosoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright festival; and whosoever is a grateful servant let him joyously enter in the joy of his Lord.”

So begins the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom, heard at the end of the Divine Liturgy, this year in the pre-dawn hours of Sunday, May 5. It is a remarkable sermon both for its inspiring content, and its uniquely interactive quality.

The fact that the church walls vibrate with the chorus of “Truly He is Risen!” speaks volumes of Saint John’s ability to connect with the deeply held faith of his people even into the early hours of the morning. But, this is how Orthodox Christianity rings in the most awe-inspiring celebration of our Lord Jesus’ miraculous resurrection.

In his sermon, Saint John understands that some people may arrive late, but not that they will leave early! “If any arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Master is gracious and receives the last, even as the first.” This is a celebration of the entire Church community, and no one should feel unwelcome or turn away because they have gotten a late start.

St. John’s sermon includes biblical references and direct quotes, one of the most powerful coming from the end of St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, “O Death where is your victory; O Hades, where is your sting?” (1Cor.15:55)

It is a masterful interactive sermon, beginning with his response to St. Paul’s questions. He responds to these pointed questions with, “Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and You (Hades) are annihilated! Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and the demons have fallen! Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and the Angels rejoice! Christ is Risen! (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and life is liberated! Christ is Risen (*People: Truly He is Risen!*) and the tomb is emptied of the dead!

This interaction will be played out in Orthodox Christian churches throughout the world, when all in the congregation hopefully have caught their second wind! It’s an exciting exchange of faith, a collective statement of Christian faith like no other. Candles are held high, voices are in unison, the joy and excitement not just of the end of the Lenten Journey, but the acknowledgment of the life-saving message of God’s unconditional love for mankind.

May this season of the holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts with love, joy and forgiveness.

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Rev. Michael Pallad

Sunday Worship

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

[Services live online](#)

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Angie Cholas	Ray Wysmierski
Virginia Dent	Linda Zakas
Dan Teska	

Parish Council News

Birthdays



- Beylul Russom (1)
- Kristen Benjamin (5)
- Charlotte Servetas (5)
- Shirley Germenis (8)
- Despina Tremoulis (8)
- Megan Pallad (10)
- Lourdes Kotsobeis (16)
- Constantine Teska (16)
- Tony Panousopoulos (18)
- Aristithi Vardalos (18)
- Voule Kapetanakis (19)
- Nicoletta Crough (21)
- John Zafiropoulos (22)
- Genet Tesfay (23)
- Anita Calivas (26)
- Katherine Stithem (26)
- Barbara Hartsel (29)

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.

By Ray Wysmierski, President

Happy Pascha to all! We are almost half way through the year and the church is running smoothly. So far we will have completed all the projects, portico, lights, fence, back wall and cameras. Once the drive is repaired by our lease the main gate will be made automated with the church sign lighted.

As you can see we have been busy and now ready to celebrate the beautiful portico. Even though the portico sets off and identifies the church as one being orthodox, its our members that attend that make the big difference.

We look to our resurrected Lord for future guidance for our church, as new members join we can always accept more, so please direct those who have been away and those seeking a family community to worship.

I would like to see our church bursting at the seams, and requiring more room.

We are not a mission parish but a church that has been a cornerstone in Peoria, Arizona for many years. And more to come, so please let us celebrate all good things that come to us by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Don't forget we have our general assembly this month with financial updates, we will be forming a strategic vision committee (and seeking volunteers), who will form the direction of our parish. All are welcome to be a part of the future.

As Father Michael has said we are welcoming into our church, 13 new members, we have purchased a baptismal pool that will be utilized on Holy Saturday. Thanks to Harry Bekiaris for his work in this area and his craftsmanship.

Don't forget the bookstore in the library as we have many items to fill your needs, from icons to medals, yes A-Z. We have it all, and if we don't it can always be special ordered.

The Gala will be fabulous with food and drink of high quality, as well as the tremendous prizes that will be raffled, for the ladies and in time for Mother's Day! Men, this is easy shopping, what do you have to lose? Wouldn't your significant other adore you if you win the 6 carat diamond tennis bracelet (Valued with appraisal at \$ 7,500), a gift card for \$250 to Andrew Z's jewelers, and a \$50 coupon to Andrew Z's when you purchase the raffle ticket for the bracelet, plus much more in the way of prizes.

2024 Stewardship Families

Abbitt, Demetra
 Asfaha, Moges
 Bachanos, Evan & Jewelie
 Basha, Genti & Elda
 Bastell, Rudy & Suad
 Bekiaris, Harry & Cynthia
 Berhe, Almaz & Mogos
 Bryson, Tom & Joan
 Carlson, Olga
 Chionchio, Deborah
 Cholas, Angie
 Christian, Thalia
 Christie, Paul & Patricia
 Conklin, Tom & Maria
 Covault, Lloyd & Angela
 Danielek, Michael & Chrissy

Deming, Janet
 Dent, Virginia
 Dodd, Stavroula
 Evangelinos, Parry & Hope
 Farr, Jeff and Judy
 Finch, Dennis & Marina
 Germenis, Dennis
 Giannias, Elaine
 Gryparis, Demetri & Magda
 Hartsel, Barbara
 Javaras, Harry
 Jolly, Judith
 Kinniburgh, Anna
 Lafayette, Henry & Maria
 Lazzelle, Estelle
 Levendi, Mary

Mavridis, Christos
 Meyer, Herman
 Milonas, Nick & Jane
 Nathanson, Alan & Irene
 Pagos, Stella
 Pallad, Fr. Michael & Kristin
 Pappas, Irene
 Raiciof, Catalina
 Ratliff, Koula
 Russom, Bereket
 Sambol, Patricia
 Servetas, Charlotte
 Singleton, Melanie & Bryan
 Frost
 Surman, Dina
 Tally, Katherine

Tesfay, Ocbai & Genet
 Teska, Dan & Vivian
 Theoharatos, George & Lisa
 Thieke, James & Lucy Schouten
 Tucker, Marvin & Eleni
 Vardalos, Peter & Lindsay
 Woldeasilassi, Solomon & Lydia
 Wysmierski, Ray & Mary
 Yiannakopoulos, George & Helen
 Zakas, Speros & Linda
 Zaruba, Estelle

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Holy Wednesday 6:00pm Sacrament of Holy Unction	2 9:00am Divine Liturgy Holy Thursday 6:00pm The 12 Passion Gospels	3 9:00am The Royal Hours Holy Friday 3:00pm Vespers Descent from the Cross 7:00pm The Lamentations	4 10:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Holy Saturday 11:15pm Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy
5 Easter Sunday/ Holy Pascha 1:00pm Vespers of Love	6 Bright Week (Fasting Free)	7	8	9	10	11 5:00pm Gala Dinner Dance!
12 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Thomas Sunday	13	14 6:00pm Parish Council	15	16	17	18
19 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Myrrh-bearing Women Spring General Assembly	20	21 9:00am Divine Liturgy Saints Constantine and Helen	22	23	24	25
26 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Paralytic	27	28	29	30		