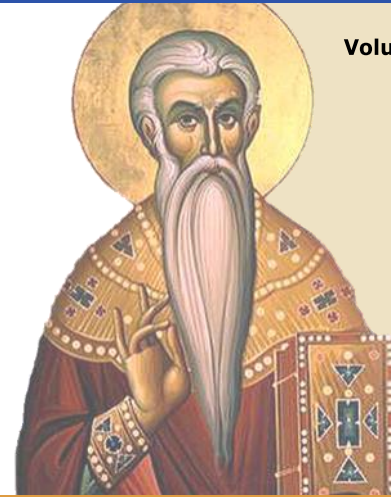


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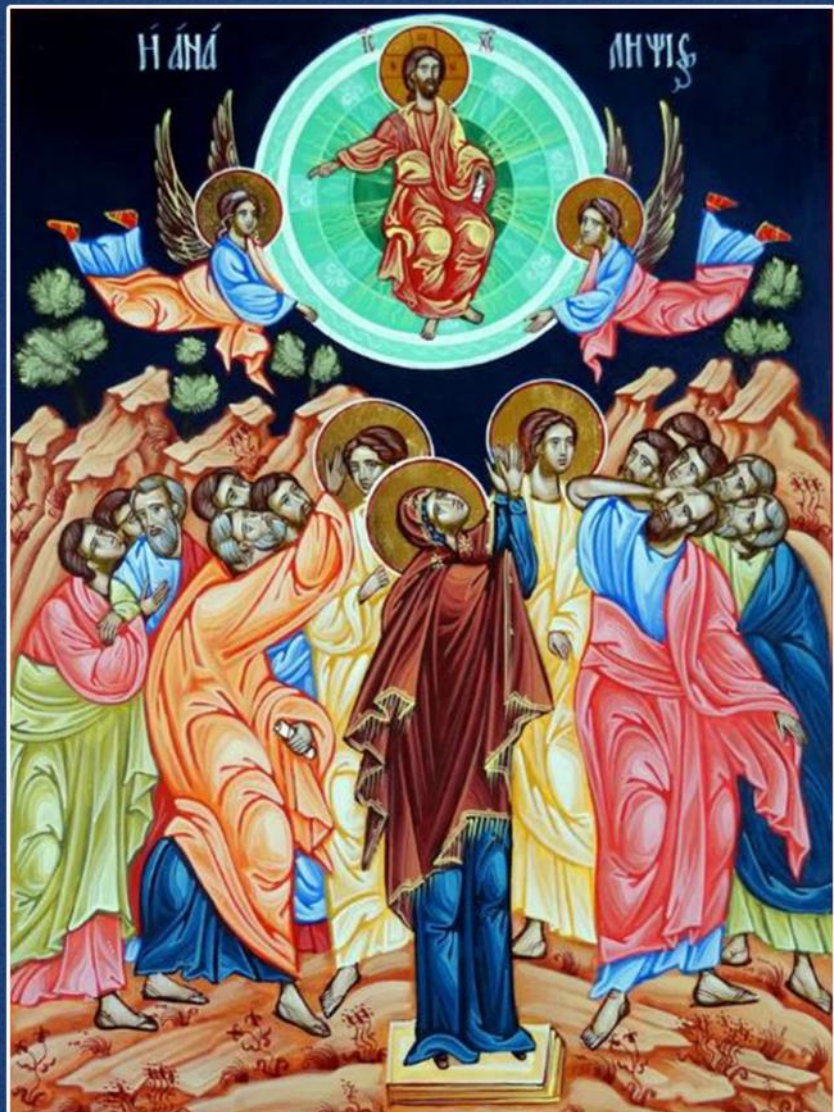
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Ascension of our Lord



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Thursday, May 29

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



A Memorable Holy Week

With the special visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, the rainy Good Friday evening procession of the Epitaphios, along with the early morning proclamations of “Christ is Risen!” under the Entry Portico, Holy Week 2025 will not soon be forgotten!



His Eminence traveled up and down the state of Arizona during Holy Week, and celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us on Holy Saturday morning, with the joyful hymn, “Arise, O God!” while scattering rose petals and bay leaves throughout the inside of the church, and concluding with a

very humbling and surprising personal blessing of the office of Proto-Presbyter, it truly was a special Holy Week.

The beautifully decorated Epitaphios, the Good Friday Youth Retreat, Easter Sunday Egg Hunt and amazing family Potluck brunch were all fantastic!

Every Sunday - until the feastday of the Ascension of our Lord - will begin with the chanting of “Christ is Risen/Christos Anesti!” For this 40-day period, Jesus meets with His disciples, teaching them, forgiving them, and telling them of their responsibility to proclaim His resurrection to the ends of the earth.



We, today, also bear this same responsibility. The Christian gospel is not simply to be limited as an historical event of the past, but a reality fully present today as well. This is why the Church proclaims “Christ IS Risen,” and not “Christ has Risen. It may have happened long ago, but the Church maintains that event as fully present today and forever!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

Happy Resurrection and may God be with all in our church.

Philoptochos had a busy month in April, starting with Easter baking led by Stella Pagos and assisted by Cynthia Bekiaris, Reni Milonas and Lisa Theoharatos that came to help with baking and the ovens. All the ladies that came to help made Tsourekia and Koulourakia. Thank you all for your help.

We had a successful Palm Sunday luncheon which was organized by Stella Pagos and assisted by her daughter Andrea and granddaughter Anastasia. Thank you all for your hard work.

On Holy Thursday we dyed 13 dozen eggs, which were donated by the Philoptochos members, assisted by Cynthia, Joan, Elpida and Sharopima. The red eggs were given to the parishioners at the end of the Resurrection liturgy.

I would like to thank Nardos Russom for ordering the Epitaphios flowers and for decorating the Epitaphios with all the ladies that participated.

On Holy Saturday with the visitation of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, we had a wonderful liturgy and a breakfast that followed. I want to thank the parish council members and everyone who contributed for the breakfast feast.

A big thank-you to Linda Zakas for all her hard work for organizing our Easter Pot Luck Luncheon. She has done this for a few years and it's not easy to organize. She provided all the decorations at her own expense and spent hours before and after the lunch. This year she was assisted by Demetria Themistocles.

Easter Day Luncheon was wonderful. Thank you all.



ARIS Foundation

Thank you so much for all of the generous donations of toiletries, towels, pet food, and so much more, to benefit the ARIS Foundation. The ARIS Foundation's vision is to create a community where every homeless individual has the love, support, and encouragement needed to get

off the streets in Tempe and the surrounding areas. If you would be interested in this kind of almsgiving project again, please let Lindsay Vardalos know so we can plan for next year. Lindsay Vardalos



Name Days

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

- St. Irene (5th)
- Prophet Job (6th)
- St. Christopher (9th)
- St. Simon (10th)
- St. Glykeria (13th)
- St. Symeon (24th)
- Sts. Constantine and Helen (21st)
- Sts. Theodosios and Theodosia (29th)

Stewardship

We remind all that there are no Membership Dues in the Orthodox Church. To become a Member in Good Standing, all parishioners must complete and return the Stewardship brochure pledging offerings of our time, talents and treasure in support of our Church, recognizing that all we have, including life itself, are gifts from God.

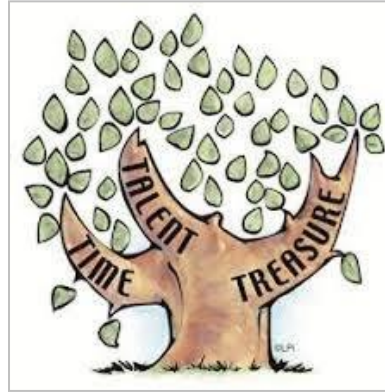
The 2025 Stewardship brochures have been mailed to all parish families. Additional brochures are available in the Narthex and the church office. Please print legibly, and enter your contributions of time, talents and donations. Completed brochures can be mailed to the office or dropped off on Sundays.

The teaching on Christian Stewardship remains consistent to help us learn to be

good stewards: we give back to God from what He has given us. We come into this world with nothing, and we leave it with nothing. All that we have in this life comes from God's blessings. Returning back a portion to God through His Church, is our way of acknowledging the source of our blessings.

Financial contributions should be a percentage of our financial resources. This continues the biblical teaching of tithing or percentage

giving rather than setting a fixed amount applicable to all families. Above all, our offerings should be cheerfully given, recognizing our desire - not simply obligation - to give back to God a portion of our blessings we receive from Him.



Birthdays



Charlotte Servetas (5)
Megan Pallad (10)
Lourdes Kotsobeis (16)
Constantine Teska (16)
Tony Panousopoulos (18)
Aristithi Vardalos (18)
Nicoletta Crough (21)
John Zafiroopoulos (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.

2025 Stewardship Families

Asfaha, Mogos & Almaz
Bachanos, Evan & Jewelie
Basha, Genti & Elda
Bastell, Rudy & Suad
Bekiaris, Harry & Cynthia
Benjamin, George & Jessie
Bruno-Doster, Jenny
Christian,Thalia
Conklin, Tom & Maria
Danielek, Chryss
Deinhard, Kimi
Deming, Janet
Dent, Virginia
Desimone, Nilda
Dodd, Voula
Evangelinos, Perry & Hope
Farr, Jeff & Judy
Finch, Dennis & Marina
Gavriliadis, Eugene & Ekaterini
Giannias,Elaine

Hallick-Cahlamer, Mike & Thana
Hartsel, Barbara
Hooper, Sophia
Horne, Kevin & Denise
Huth,Cynthia
Jolly, Wallace & Judy
Karabetsos, Angela
Kinniburgh, Anna
Lazzelle, Estelle
Martinez, Raul & Danielle King
Mavrides, Christos
Milonas, Nick & Jane
Nathanson, Alan & Irene
Pallad, Fr. Michael & Pres.
Kristin
Pappas, Irene
Ratliff,Koula
Russom, Bereket & Nardos
Sambol, Don & Patricia

Schepers, Duane & Nadia
Servetas,Charlotte
Singleton,Melanie & Brian
Frost
Tsfay, Ocbai & Genet
Teska, Daniel & Vivian
Thieke,Dr.James & Lucy
Trakas, Georgia
Tucker, Marvin & Eleni
Vardalos, Peter & Lindsay
Vasquez, Argyro, Giota Kostas
and Family, & Elizabeth Kostas
-Polston and Family
Woldesilazzie, Solomon & Lydia
Wysmierski, Ray & Mary
Yannakopoulos, George & Helen
Zakas, Speros & Linda

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am Bible Study	2	3 10:00am Grief Share
4 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	5	6	7	8 10:00am Bible Study	9	10
11 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	12	13	14 9:00am Divine Liturgy Mid-Pentecost	15 10:00am Bible Study	16	17
18 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	19	20	21 9:00am Divine Liturgy Sts. Constantine and Helen	22 10:00am Bible Study	23	24
25 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 9:00am Divine Liturgy Ascension of the Lord 10:00am Bible Study	30	31