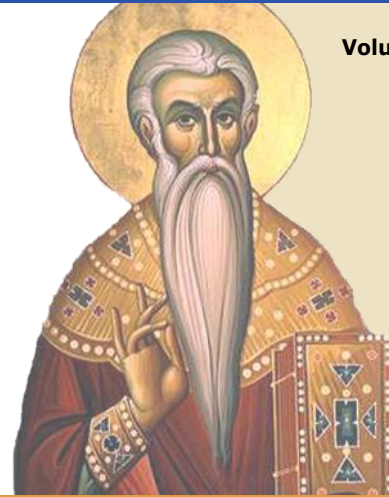


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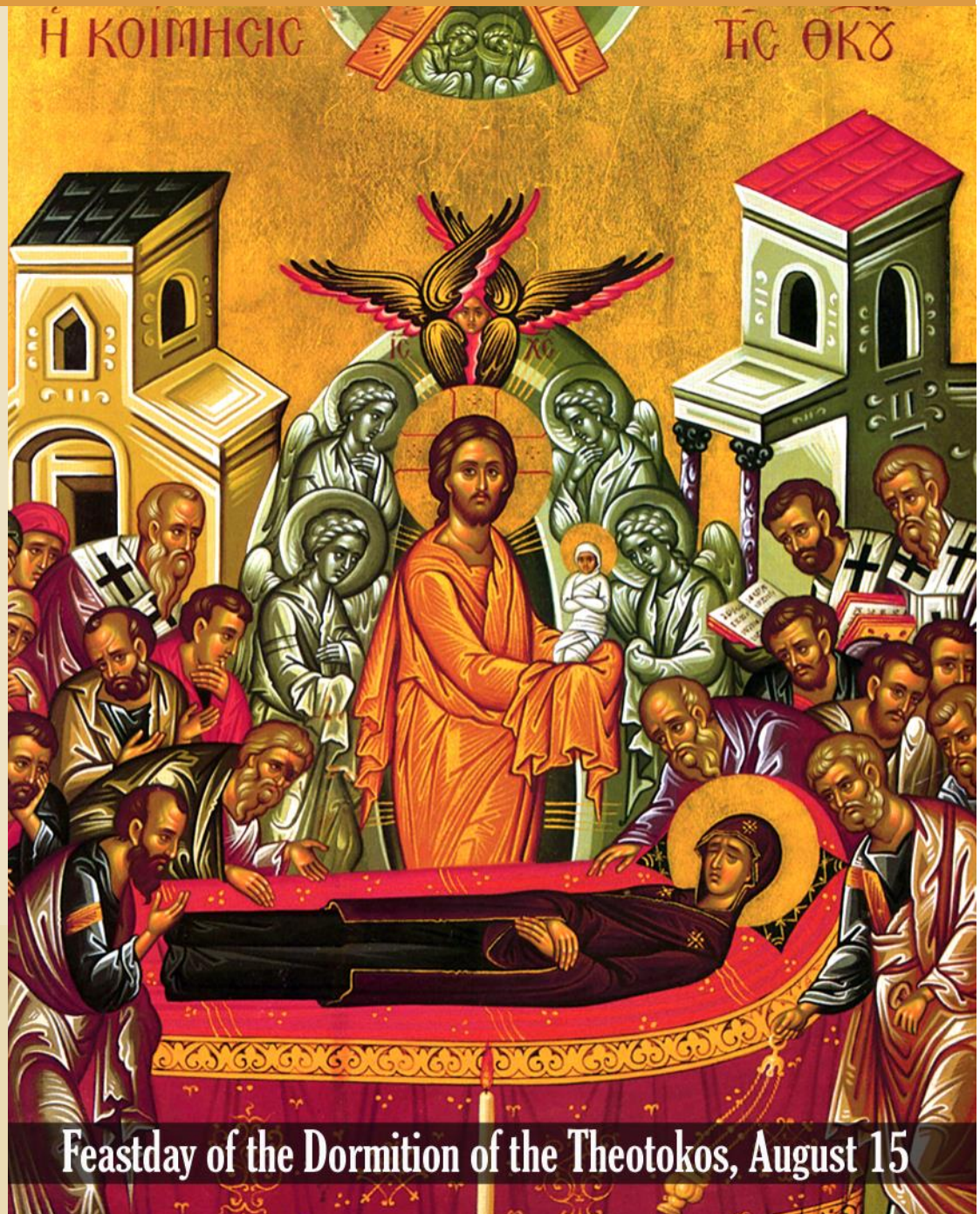
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Feastday of the Dormition of the Theotokos, August 15

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

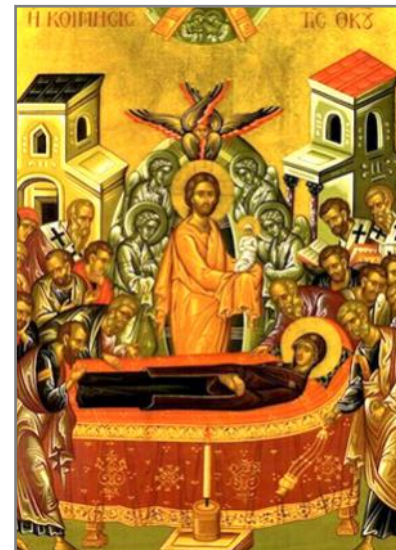
August Holy Days

The Orthodox Christian Church celebrates two major feast-days during the month of August. These are the Transfiguration of Christ on Aug. 6, and the Dormition of the Theotokos on Aug. 15.



The Transfiguration of Christ, found in chapter 17 of Saint Matthew's gospel, remembers the time when Jesus began to shine brighter than the sun, and was divinely transfigured upon Mount Tabor witnessed by the disciples Peter, James and John. Divine Liturgy is celebrated at 9 am on Monday, Aug. 6.

The written account of the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is not found in the New Testament but in another ancient Christian text known as the Proto-Evangelion of Saint James. The disciples were called just prior to Mary's passing, and all mourned her funeral and burial, except for the apostle Thomas, who was not there. When Thomas came three days after her burial, he begged to see her one final time. Upon opening the tomb, the body was not there. Her bodily assumption into heaven was confirmed by the message of an angel, and by her appearance to the apostles.



A 14-day fast is called by the Orthodox Church, beginning on August 1st until the 15th. During the first two weeks of August, the Office of Supplication to the Theotokos will be prayed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Please note that this year, only the Wednesday services will be at 7 pm, the Monday and Friday services will begin at 4 pm. (Please see the Community Calendar.)

Perryville Prison Crochet Ministry



Thank you to all who are continuing to donate yarn for the Perryville Prison Crochet Ministry! The women depend on our donations to continue their ministry. Our parish has become their sponsor, and they are very grateful for giving them the materials to help put their creative skills and talents to good use.

The Crochet Ministry at Perryville Prison in Goodyear has grown considerably in the past six months. Each month more and more inmates are signing up to learn a new skill and contribute to making baby blankets, toys, hats and slippers. Each month we collect the finished items and they are given to Phoenix Children's Hospital and Maggie's House to benefit the children and families they serve.

Please help this ministry by donating yarn, either leftovers from finished projects, or by purchasing new yarn from a local craft store. All donated yarn is delivered to the prison once a month. Yarn donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday 10 am – 3 pm, or after Sunday services. The donation box is in the observation area where refreshments are served on Sunday morning.



Adults Set the Example for Children

“Aw mom, do we have to go to Church today?” Is there a mom out there who hasn’t had this question posed to her at some time? For parents of young children who have yet to be asked, wait; it won’t be too long. I would enjoy sitting down, parent to parent, and hear some of the responses that have been made over the years. Because, let’s face it, after a busy week and a late Saturday night, is it just the children who question the need to get up, get dressed, get in the car, and get to Church on Sunday mornings?

Have you heard this one? “Show me in the Bible where it says we need to go to Church on Sunday mornings!” Can you see the triumphant look of a child (or adult, for that matter) who uses this as a defense for sleeping in on Sundays? What message does this give their children?

And now as the new school year is here, what about getting children up for school during the week? Do parents approach this any differently? In most homes, there is no question, barring an illness, about getting their children up for school each morning, and on time. It’s expected, it’s required: no “ifs,” “ands” or “buts!”

When parents accept their role and behave as parents, they set the example in the family for their children to follow whether it’s getting up for school on weekdays, or getting up for Church on Sunday mornings. If/when complaints arise, they should be addressed calmly and lovingly, letting children know that Sunday mornings are devoted to worshiping God. Over time, when they see the importance their parents place on Sunday mornings, children will follow the routine, just as they do during the week for school.

Religious Education - for our youth as well as adults - is an important discipline at St. Haralambos Church. Children depend on the support of their parents to bring them to Church on Sundays, to enroll them in

Sunday School classes, to participate in Youth Group events and activities. The goal of our parish youth programs is to help our young people live their Orthodox Christian Faith with activities that involve the four pillars of youth ministry: Worship, Witness, Service and Fellowship.

Parents, your children need your support so they can benefit from the programs and activities. They will follow the example you set for them. If it is a priority for you, it will become a priority for them.


Adult Education is no less important! Please see the announcement about The Way, a 12-week adult education series beginning Tuesday, Sep. 18 at 6 pm in the Fellowship room. Topics range from “Search for Faith,” to “What on earth is the Church?” The class presents the development of Christian thought and doctrine from its beginnings, includes dinner, discussion groups, and ends with a Question and Answer session. Pre-registration is required (*page 8*).

Adults set examples for their children, who in most cases, are much more perceptive than we give them credit for. They see, hear and observe our words and actions. Parents are children’s primary teachers, and not just for academics, but also in matters of behavior, affection and religious faith. If parents wonder why their children are not interested in regular Sunday worship, could it be because of the example set by their parents?

Is the Church, established by the life, death and resurrection of Christ our Lord and Savior, seen as a

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Sunday Worship
Matins: 8:45 a.m.
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Birthdays



Gianna Selles (2)
Irene Nathanson (4)
Dorothy Ayan (5)
Olga Fredericksen (6)
Daniel Martin, Jr. (6)
Phillip Bell (7)
Georgia Savaidis (7)
Brylee Kauble (9)
Pierce Retsinas (11)
Aphrodite Devolites (14)
Tania Ballas (15)
Sue Charbel (17)
Jean Dal Pan (17)
Alexis Tremoulis (17)
Thalia Christian (18)
Fr. Michael Pallad (18)
John Dal Pan (22)
Michael Fulghum (22)
Anna Yacyshyn (22)
Nancy Birk (24)
Parker Rosekrans (24)
Edmund Wood (24)
Evanthia Vardalos (25)
Angela Covault (27)
Val Danos (27)
Keegan Kelly (30)
Elizabeth Mancini (30)
Zewdi Asfaha (31)
Yvette Nicholas (31)

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.

Stewardship

Are you a Steward of Saint Haralambos Church?

The goal for 2018 is to have all parish families become Good Stewards of Saint Haralambos Church. This means returning a completed 2018 Stewardship brochure, making sure your family information is correct, making a financial pledge for the year, and becoming involved in parish ministries.

When we recognize that everything we have: health, wealth, time and talents, are all gifts from God, there should be no hesitation in using those gifts to build up

His Church and to glorify His name. To exercise good stewardship is to use God's gifts in ways that glorify Him and build up His Church. This means using our gifts for the benefit of others, giving a portion of our time and treasure for the strengthening of the Church. When a person realizes his dependency on God's blessings, sharing them with others and through His Church is a very natural and joyful response.

If needed, new/blank Stewardship brochures are available on Sundays.

Book Sale

The 2nd Annual Used-Book Sale will be taking place at our church during the months of June – August. There is a large selection of used books from a variety of topics, including books on Orthodox Christianity, as well as many books in Greek.

Books may be purchased Mon–Fri, 10 am to 3 pm or Sunday after services.



Bible Study

Ready to take a journey into the Old Testament and examine the life of a man who is described as "...a man after God's own heart"? An introductory excerpt from Beth Moore, a secondary author we'll be using states that, "The journey has all the romance, mystery, intrigue, love, betrayal, and majesty of the greatest epic. As you read, I believe your spirit will soar and your heart will break. You will climb to the heights of the most noble emotions and behavior, and



you will plummet with us to the depths of our sin nature. Pack your backpack, throw in a jar of peanut butter, and let's go."

This is your invitation to join us on the journey because there's always room for one more! Bible study resumes Tuesday, Sep. 4, at 10 am in the conference room. Everyone is welcome! Oh, did I say who that particular man was that had a heart like God's? Aw, you probably already know anyway!

Clergy Column

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fundamental part or an extension of our home life? What place does Christ and His Church occupy in our lives?

The answer to these questions are not only different from family to family, but also change throughout a person's life. But it is with great confidence that I say the more we educate ourselves on the history of Christ and the Church, the sooner we are faced with having to give an answer to the above questions. The more we know, the more that knowledge requires us to make a decision: either to

accept or reject, to follow or disregard, but no longer to remain ambivalent or indifferent.

What example was set by your parents and grandparents? What example are you setting for your children and grandchildren? As long as there is air in our lungs and a beating heart in our chest, we can set an example by humbly turning our hearts and minds to Christ, His Church, which are always welcoming to the enquiring soul in search of its creator and Savior.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

July

- 1: Philoptochos
- 8: Philoptochos
- 15: Philoptochos
- 22: Ann Henson & Amy Singley
- 29: Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Bastell Family

August

- 5: Available
- 12: Irene Nathanson
- 19: Available
- 26: Available

September

- 2: Available
- 9: Available
- 16: Available
- 23: Available
- 30: Available

Note: Due to publication printing deadlines, any changes to the coffee hour listings will be noted in next month's newsletter.



Birthday Celebration

Everyone is invited to a coffee and dessert reception in celebration of Father Michael's birthday on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 7 pm in the Fellowship room. No presents, please, but donations to the Church or yarn for the Perryville Prison Crochet ministry will gladly be accepted.



Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
Peoria, Arizona

Youth Registration Form

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, 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

ONE DAY. ONE HYMN. ONE CHURCH.

SPEROS COMMUNITY CENTER - HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

WHAT IS IT?

- The first-ever pan-Orthodox choral music event in AZ
- World premier of Psalm 23 by Father Michael Pallad
- Social media posting of final performance

DETAILS

- Saturday, September 22, 2018
- 10:00am-3:00pm
- Lunch included
- Adults \$15/Students \$10
- Details and registration:
www.occfellowship.org

*No choral experience necessary.
If you love to sing, you will love this event!*



<https://www.facebook.com/occfellowship>



The Way, An Introduction to the Orthodox Christian Faith

Please join us for this wonderful 12-week program, beginning Tuesday, September 18 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

Tuesday Evenings

1. Sep. 18: The Search for Faith
2. Sep. 25: God the Holy Trinity
3. Oct. 2: Being Human: Fully Alive
4. Oct. 9: Why Did Jesus Come to Us?
5. Oct. 16: Salvation in Christ
6. Oct. 23: The Holy Spirit
7. Oct. 30: What on Earth is the Church?
8. Nov. 6: Living the Faith: The Divine Liturgy
9. Nov. 13: Living the Faith: The Holy Mysteries
10. Nov. 20: Living the Faith: The Bible, Prayer and Fasting
11. Nov. 27: Living the Faith: Christian Behavior
12. Dec. 4: 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
			1 Beginning of 14 Day Fast 7:00pm Office of Supplication	2	3 3:00pm Office of Supplication	4
5 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy The Transfiguration of Christ 3:00pm Office of Supplication	7	8 7:00pm Office of Supplication	9	10 3:00pm Office of Supplication	11
12 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	13 3:00pm Office of Supplication	14 6:00pm Vespers Dormition of the Theotokos	15 9:00am Divine Liturgy Dormition of the Theotokos	16	17	18
19 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	20	21	22	23	24 Metropolis Choir Conference (San Diego)	25 Metropolis Choir Conference (San Diego)
26 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Metropolis Choir Conference (San Diego)	27	28	29 9:00am Divine Liturgy Beheading of John the Baptist	30	31	