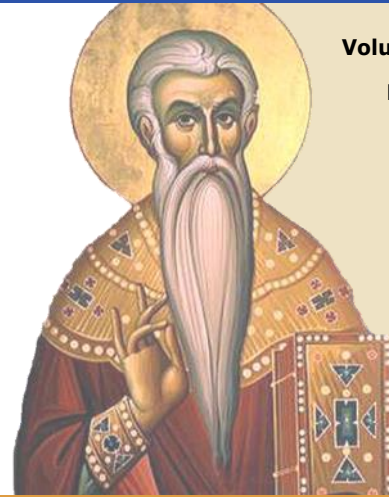


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PEORIA GREEKFEST 2019 Food & Dance Festival

Friday
February 8
4pm to 10pm

Saturday
February 9
11am to 10pm

Sunday
February 10
11am to 7pm

Authentic Homemade Greek Food & Pastries
Live Greek Music • Live Folk Dancing
Market Place • Children's Activities

General Admission: \$3 | Children & Active Military: **FREE**

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

7950 W Pinnacle Peak Rd, Peoria, 85383

www.peoriagreekfest.com | follow us on Facebook | 623-486-8665

No Weapons or Pets Allowed



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

Pan-Orthodox Choral Event

All who love to sing are invited to “One Day, One Hymn, One Church” on Saturday, Mar. 23 at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Phoenix. Parishioners 8 to 98 from the Arizona parishes will be spending a day of choral fellowship, beginning at 10 am and finishing at 3 pm.

We’ll be learning a new choral arrangement of “O Pure Virgin” by St. Nektarios of Aegina. A video recording of

the group will be made and posted to social media. (A video of the first “One Day, One Hymn, One Church” event last September can be found at www.occfellowship.org.)

Registration begins Monday, Feb. 4. The first 100 to register will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 California Pizza Kitchen gift card. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Mar. 20.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHORAL FELLOWSHIP

ONE DAY. ONE HYMN. ONE CHURCH.

STS. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH - PHOENIX, AZ

WHAT IS IT?

- A day of Choral Fellowship
- Open to parishioners from all AZ Orthodox parishes
- “O Pure Virgin” by Saint Nektarios
- Video recording to be posted on social media
- Ages 8 to 98!

DETAILS

- Saturday, March 23, 2019
- 10:00am-3:00pm
- Lunch included
- Adults \$15
- Students \$10
- Registration begins Monday, February 4, 2019, at occfellowship.org

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





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





Working Together

Watching parishioners prepare for our annual festival is a good thing. Is there some stress? Yes. Disagreement? At times. Does it take a physical toll? On everybody.

Then, why is it a good thing to watch? Because it's life, community, caring and love in action. It's watching one big family being a family.

Our festival is our largest event, which means we have more hands helping at one time, more ideas being exchanged, and more opinions being espoused than at any other time of the year. And we all know what that means – 10 people, 15 opinions; 20 people, 35 opinions, etc.

But how does something like this work each year? This, by the way, is Greek Festival #32 (Yes, 32!) and our 9th at this location. If it were all arguments and disagreements, we would've stopped long ago.

It works because under all the stress and exhaustion is the one reason we all work so hard, and the one thing that keeps us all together: Love; of Christ, His Church and of one another. Really, there is no other power on earth that comes close.

Without love, a simple disagreement would linger and fester and turn people away. Without remembering why we work together, we would soon walk away asking why we bother. Without recognizing that we are all brothers and sisters in

Christ, doing our best in different ways and with different tasks, it would be so easy to say it's just not worth it!


But that's not how a loving family in Christ works. And working together for our festival provides a great opportunity for us to learn that lesson, again and again.

We marvel each year, how it all finally comes together, especially during the stressful final few weeks. And yet, following a prayer service asking the Lord's blessings, we open the front gates on Friday afternoon each year, and welcome our neighbors for another weekend of delicious food and entertainment.

Fortunately, Great Lent begins soon after, this year on Monday, Mar. 11. The opportunity of forgiveness is provided on the evening before, because the way Lent begins in the Orthodox Church is with the Vespers of Forgiveness. We all need to take this time to come together, especially if any hard feelings linger from working so hard together, and ask to be forgiven for things we may have said or done.

This, also, is how a loving family in Christ works. And it is a good thing to watch.

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Rev. Michael Pallad

Sunday Worship

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

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Paul McGinn
Dean Milonas

Greek Festival

It's almost here.....the 32nd Annual Peoria Greekfest - our once a year opportunity to share our Greek culture, delicious homemade foods and pastries, hospitality and loving faith with the surrounding community.

Help spread the word:

- Pick up flyers at the Church and share with your neighbors, friends and business associates.
- Share and Like the Peoria Greekfest page on Facebook.
- Follow us on Twitter @GreekFestPeoria
- Remember we open early on Friday, Feb. 8 at 4 pm.

- Join your fellow parishioners as a Festival volunteer if you haven't already signed up.
- Bring a smile and have some fun.

OPA!

Mark your calendar for the Festival Appreciation in the social hall on Sunday, Feb. 17 following services.



Birthdays



Romulus Stoia (1)
Phillip Bell (05)
Koula Ratliff (5)
Jason Bowen (7)
Erini Braddock (11)
Erini Macrides (11)
Anne Georgen (12)
Chris Birtsas (14)
Emil Sprintz (17)
Harry Calivas (24)
Dennis Georgen (24)
Solomon Tesfay (24)
Speros Zakas (24)
Timothy Harvey (25)
Robert Kinniburgh (25)
Costa DeMoss (26)
Elizabeth Baxter (28)
Stephanie Baxter (28)

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.

Thank You

Dear Ones of St. Haralambos parish, thank you so much for your generous gift presentation last month. Your patience and support of our Church Beautification Project has been so wonderful. I feel so blessed to have received your prayers along the way in addition to your tangible support. With this gift, I will be able to request time off from work at strategic

times to get the work done faster. Best of all, this will allow me to visit a monastery or two for a short retreat and spiritual refreshment. The lovely plaque will be returned to the Church soon - if it stays in my studio for very long chances are it'll get paint on it.

Sincerely, your sister in Christ, Kay



St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Sunday, Jan. 6 and the following commitments were discussed and voted on:

National

- Autism Assistance Fund: \$100
- Cancer & Other Major Illnesses: \$50
- Social Services: \$50
- St. Photios Shrine: \$25

Our Annual Vasilopita Auction was a big success raising \$365 for the benefit of St. Basil's Academy. Thank you to all who participated.

How you can help:

- Become a Philoptochos member. Please see Stella or Reni for a form.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour. Please see Anna Kinniburgh to sign up.
- Make a free-will donation into the Coffee Hour donation basket.
- Shop at the Deli/Bake Sales.
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon, Apr. 21.
- 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.)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 10 at 12:00 pm.



Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

January

6: Philoptochos
 13: Philoptochos
 20: Philoptochos
 27: Dina Surman

February

3: Forever Young
 10: Festival
 17: Available
 24: Available

March

3: Available
 10: Available
 17: Available
 24: Available
 30: Available

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



Happy Valentine's Day

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1Cor.13:4-8)



Festival Baking Schedule

JANUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 8:30am Tsourekia	12 8:30am Tsourekia
13	14	15	16	17	18 8:30am Melomakarouna Paximadia	19 8:30am Koulouria
20	21	22	23 8:30am Karithopita	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 8:30am Kourabiedes		

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 8:30am Baklava	5 8:30am Diples	6	7	8 OPA	9 OPA

Name Days

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

St. Agathi (5th)	SS. Aquila and Priscilla (13th)
St. Theodore Stratelates (8th)	St. Theodore (17th)
St. Haralambos (10th)	St. Agapetos (18th)
St. Theodora the Empress (11th)	St. Evstathios (21st)
St. Zacharias (11th)	St. Photini (26th)
St. Christos the Gardener (12th)	St. Kyranna (29th)
St. Meletios (12th)	

2019 Greek Festival: February 8, 9, & 10
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

I am available to work the following booths:

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|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Fry Station/Saganaki | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gyros/Souvlaki | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Imports/Deli | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Loukoumades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Food Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastries | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle/Door Prizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Taverna | <input type="checkbox"/> Floater (where needed) | | |

Please note physical/other limitations which may inhibit working in a specific area:

I am available to work the following shifts:

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I am available to help with the following Pre-Festival and Post-Festival needs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Pastry Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> General Supplies/Inventory/Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up (week prior to Festival) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/Signage Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Tear down/Clean up (Monday following Festival) | |

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your assignment will be confirmed. If you cannot fulfill your assignment,
please call Desi: 623-363-1859 or the Church office: 623-486-8665.
Please return this form as soon as possible. Thank you!

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3 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	4	5 10:00am Bible Study	6	7	8 4:00pm Peoria Greek Fest	9 10:00am Peoria Greek Fest
10 7:45am Matins 9:00am Divine Liturgy 11:00am Peoria Greek Fest	11	12 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Parish Council	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Beginning of Triodion	18 Presidents' Day	19 10:00am Bible Study	20	21	22	23
24 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Prodigal Son	25	26 10:00am Bible Study	27	28		