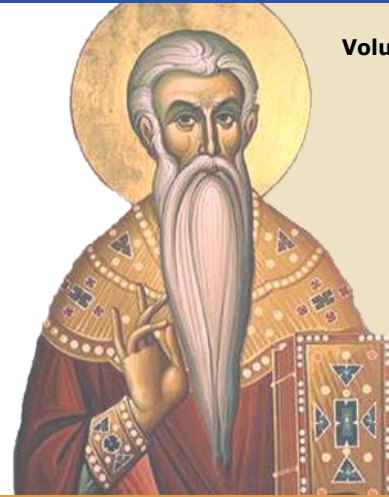


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*"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world." (John 1:29)*



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

Agape Ball

On Saturday, Jan. 26, Arizona Philoptochos Chapters will host our Eleventh Annual Agape Ball, a fundraising event for Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape. The event will be held at 6:30 pm in the Holy Trinity Cathedral Community Hall, 1973 E Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. This event is open to everyone and we are hoping to have at least 300 people attend. It is our main source of funding for Camp Agape Arizona. We are seeking sponsorship from our local businesses and friends to help support this wonderful ministry that has helped many local families over the past twelve years.

We are also seeking donations of gift items for our silent auction and raffle. 100% of the proceeds from the Agape Ball support the 2019 Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Family Cancer Camp program. Your generous donations and business will be acknowledged in our Agape Ball program. The Metropolis of San Francisco Ladies Philoptochos sponsors Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape. As the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Church of America, Philoptochos was established in 1931. Today, there are more than 27,000 ladies and men across the United States dedicated to serving all people in need.

The mission of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Kids 'n' Cancer

program is to provide support for children afflicted with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Camp Agape offers a life-changing, all-expense paid experience for children and their families. It provides opportunities for enjoyment, learning, and building self-esteem and confidence in a safe setting. The kindness and caring that surrounds them offers an ideal environment for therapy and healing. Since our first camp in Dunlap, California in 1989, Camp Agape has expanded to camps in Portland, OR and San Diego, CA. In July of 2008, we opened the Arizona camp. June 2019, will mark our 12th year serving Arizona families.

Please give your heart to a child and support the Agape Ball and Camp Agape Arizona. Camps are supported 100% through fundraising efforts. Your generous donation is guaranteed to put smiles on children's faces and provide comfort and relief to the families. For more information, visit us on-line at www.sfphiloptochos.org

To make a donation contact your chapter president or: Kathy Connell, 602 524-1959, madgreekkathy@aol.com

Kids 'n' Cancer is a non-profit community outreach program of the Metropolis of San Francisco Ladies Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276





The Spiritual Renewal in Christ

Happy 2019!

With the start of a new year, there is the promise of a new beginning. Everyone benefits from a fresh start at some point, and the first day of the New Year provides such an opportunity. Well-known sayings, like “Out with the Old and in with the New,” can help with a sense of beginning again. If we’re aware of old habits, especially those that are negative or destructive, that we’d like to change, the first day of the New Year is a good day to begin.

As Christians we know that every day given to us by God is an opportunity to straighten ourselves out, to get back on track with a life that is pleasing to God. Too often we get stuck in old bad habits, believing such myths as we’re “too old to change” or “what’s the use.” The Christian gospel is about continual renewal in Christ, a process that begins at birth and continues to our last breath.

Have you returned your 2019 Stewardship Form? See the listing of parish ministries? Why not get involved in something new this year? Parish ministries provide an outlet for using our God-given talents as well as opportunities to meet new friends.

There is always the possibility of change for the better, of spiritual renewal that begins with an awareness of our sins and failings. This awareness should be followed up with spiritual cleansing, the Sacrament of Confession. This beneficial spiritual tool brings us before Christ to get our sins out and receive the blessing of God’s

forgiveness and a clean, new start. No one is ever too old for a new start, and it will always do good for the soul to experience this spiritual renewal.


With the celebration this month of our Lord’s baptism on January 6, it is a good time to remember that Orthodox Christianity teaches that although we have been baptized, we still must work at continual spiritual renewal throughout life. There is a continual spiritual battle being waged on all who follow Christ. The spirit of evil, of deceit and deception are always working against us, with the intent of keeping us from praying, from attending Church services, from reading scripture, and from loving God; in other words, to keep us from living a Christian way of life.

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Some habits are much more difficult to change than others, but nothing will ever change until we make the decision that we want and need to change. Prayer to God is always a source of strength when making changes in our behavior. It’s easy to fall back into old and comfortable behaviors and attitudes. It takes work and commitment to continue to fight old attitudes and leave them behind.

It’s worth the effort! No one need be stuck in the same spiritual state. With God’s help, with prayer and with our own desire, spiritual growth can happen.

May the New Year be an opportunity for each of us to desire spiritual renewal and growth.



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

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Anna Kinniburgh
Ted Manos
Paul McGinn
Dean Milonas

Birthdays



Suad Bastell (1)
Christine Hollander (2)
Sharon Magnani (3)
Constantine Danos (4)
Ruth Panousopoulos (5)
John Papakalos (7)
Lauren Retsinas (10)
Judy Farr (12)
Antonios Papamatheakis (13)
Philemon Russom (13)
Elaine Giannias (14)
Dennis Finch (16)
Sophia Rodriguez (17)
Steven Hill (21)
Naomi Solomon (21)
Andrea Pagos (22)
Dimitrios Theoharatos (22)
Mr. Zachary Bingham (26)
Maria Macrides (26)
Zachary Bingham (27)
Scott Farr (27)
Ocbai Tesfay (27)
Catherine Baxter (28)
Michael Danielek (29)
Alex Drivas (29)
Frosene Bravos (31)
Reni Milonas (31)
George Semancik (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.

Gospel of St. John Presentation

All are invited to attend a lecture, free of charge, on the Gospel of Saint John, presented by Fr. John Behr, professor of Patristics at St. Vladimir Orthodox Seminary, on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 1 pm – 4 pm at St. George Antiochean Orthodox church in Phoenix.

Vespers will be celebrated at 5 pm followed by a final presentation from 6 pm – 7 pm.

Questions regarding this event can be emailed to Greg@StGeorgeAZ.org

Parish Council Elections

Congratulations to Jean Baxter, John Hrapchak, Ted Manos, and Dean Milonas, the newly elected members of the Parish Council. They will be joining Paul McGinn, Olga Carlson and Anna Kinniburgh for their first meeting this month. Thank you to the outgoing members: Solomon Woldesillasie, Nardos

Russom and Elizabeth Martell for their service on the council.

May our Lord bless and guide our Parish Council to continue to administer our Church community with love, respect, humility and patience.

Angel Tree and Food Boxes

Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated gifts and food for our Christmas Angel Tree. Two trucks were needed by City of Peoria staff members to pick up and deliver all items! They were, once again, very grateful for our support.



Scholarship Program

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available to eligible students. For applications and eligibility

requirements please visit their website at azhellenic.org.

Greek Festival



Happy New Year! We are just a few weeks away from the 2019 Peoria Greekfest - February 8, 9 and 10. January is sure to be a busy month for everyone and all hands will be needed to help prepare our pastries and prepare our Church for this fun community event. If you have not already signed up to be a volunteer, please fill out the volunteer form and return it as soon as possible to Desi Medina or email to peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com. The next Festival Planning meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. OPA!

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Monday, Dec. 3.

Good food and fellowship was enjoyed at our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. After a brief meeting, a grab-bag gift exchange and singing of Christmas carols topped off the evening.

A special Memorial Service was held at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 30 for remembering our loved ones who have fallen asleep. Thank you to all who entered their loved ones names on the Dove Tree to be remembered at the service.

Thanks to you, our Holiday Deli/Bake Sale was a huge success. Our next Deli/Bake Sale will be on Palm Sunday, Apr. 21 during our Annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.

We wish you and yours a HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, 2019.

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. (Enter the St. Haralambos Church Account number, VJ497, when enrolling.)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 pm.



Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

December	January	February
2: Caring Friends	6: Available	3: Available
9: Parish Counsel – Stewardship Sunday	13: Available	10: Available
16: Ted Manos & Angie Cholas	20: Available	17: Available
23: Andrea & Anastasia Pagos	27: Available	24: Available
30: Philoptochos		

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



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:

Epiphany (6th)	St. Euthymios (20th)
St. Gregory (10th)	St. Timothy (22nd)
St. Tatiani (12th)	St. Xenia (24th)
St. Anthony (17th)	St. Gregory (25th)
St. Athanasios (18th)	St. Ephraim (28th)
St. Mark (19th)	

House Blessings



Start the New Year with a special family event, according to the traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church, asking God's blessings for your home and your family!

Please complete the form below to indicate your preferred date and schedule your house blessing. Mail the form to the church office, or bring it with you to church on Sunday. You will be contacted by our secretary to confirm your day and time.

House Blessing Request Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE

Zone 1: North of Bell Road and West of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy

_____ Monday, January 7 _____ Thursday, January 17
_____ Tuesday, January 22 _____ Wednesday, January 30

Zone 2: North of bell Road and East of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy

_____ Tuesday, January 8 _____ Wednesday, January 16
_____ Wednesday, January 23 _____ Thursday, January 31

Zone 3: South of Bell Road and West of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy

_____ Wednesday, January 9 _____ Tuesday, January 15
_____ Thursday, January 24 _____ Tuesday, January 29

Zone 4: South of Bell Road and East of 99th Ave./Lake Pleasant Pkwy

_____ Thursday, January 10 _____ Monday, January 14
_____ Saturday, January 26 _____ Monday, January 28



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September, 2018

Dear Community Friends,

The 2019 Peoria Greekfest will be held February 8, 9, & 10, 2019 at St Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church located at 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road. The Festival Planning Committee is currently seeking sponsors, donors and raffle/gift items for the event. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce and promote your business.

Celebrating 32 continuous years, the Peoria Greekfest is the only Greek Festival in the greater west/northwest valley and thousands of residents and visitors attend each year. Check out www.peoriagreekfest.com for a peek at what the Festival has to offer.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at 623-486-8665 or contact me at peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com.

We hope that you will join us at the 2019 Peoria Greekfest for a spectacular weekend of homemade Greek cuisine, pastries, live entertainment and fun for all ages. OPA!

Sincerely,

Pam Lemons
Festival Chairman

Encl. 2019 Greekfest Sponsorship Form

ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Peoria Greek Festival - February 8, 9, 10, 2019

SPONSORSHIP/DONATION FORM

Company/Individual Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ **E-Mail** _____

PLEASE INDICATE SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

Check One	Type	Amount	Benefit
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOLD	\$10,000	Corporate tent Company name/logo in promotional materials Event Sponsorship banner Recognition in event program Verbal recognition during event VIP Parking and 10 dinner tickets <i>(Banner placement determined by event staff.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	SILVER	\$5,000	Company name/logo in all promotional materials Event sponsorship banner Recognition in event program Verbal recognition at the event <i>(Banner placement determined by event staff.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	BRONZE	\$1,000	Event sponsorship banner Recognition in event program <i>(Banner placement determined by event staff.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	OLYMPIAN	\$500	Business card/logo recognition in event program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATHENIAN	\$100	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPARTAN	\$50	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	RAFFLE/DOOR PRIZE DONATION (please specify - food, gift card, etc.)	\$25	Name recognized in event Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER DONATION	\$ _____	Name recognized in event Program

***Please provide logo or business card in digital format to:
peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com
Deadline for inclusion in the event program is January 4, 2019***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP!

Please return completed form to:

Attn: Peoria Greekfest

St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church

7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Peoria, AZ 85383

For tax purposes, St. Haralambos Church Federal Tax ID Number is: 86-0594146

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

I am available to work the following booths:

- | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <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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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4pm to 10pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 11am to 4pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 11am to 3pm |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4pm to 10pm | <input type="checkbox"/> 3pm to 7pm |

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

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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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		1 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Basil the Great New Year's Day	2	3	4 9:00am Royal Hours of Theophany	5 9:00am Divine Liturgy Forefeast of Theophany 10:00am Blessing of the Waters Christmas Decor Removal
6 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Theophany 11:30am Blessing of the Waters 12:00pm Philoptochos Meeting	7 9:00am Divine Liturgy Synaxis of John the Baptist	8 10:00am Bible Study	9	10 7:00pm Choir	11	12
13 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Vasilopita Sunday	14	15 10:00am Bible Study	16	17 9:00am Divine Liturgy St. Anthony the Great 7:00pm Choir	18	19
20 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	21	22 10:00am Bible Study	23	24 7:00pm Choir	25 9:00am Divine Liturgy Gregory the Theologian	26
27 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	28	29 10:00am Bible Study	30 9:00am Divine Liturgy Three Great Hierarchs	31 7:00pm Choir		