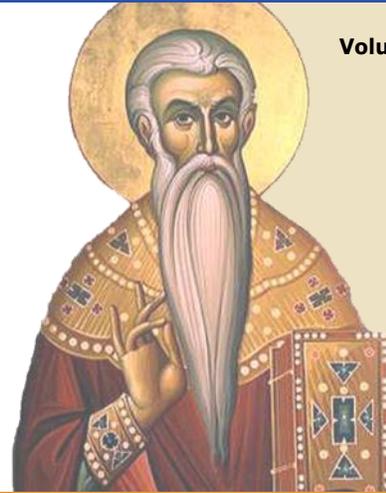


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## THE FEAST OF HOLY PENTECOST



**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

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

# Lives of the Saints

We continue this month with the final three brief biographies of the saints depicted in the new icons recently blessed and installed in our Church. This month will include saints Nektarios, Panteleimon and Stephen.

## Saint Nektarios



This beloved saint served as a monk on the Greek island of Chios during the latter part of the 19th century. Nektarios finished his studies in Athens and moved to Alexandria, Egypt, where he was consecrated Metropolitan on Jan. 15, 1889 at the age of 42. Because of his young age, jealousy from his peers led to false accusations against him and he was ordered to leave Egypt.

Moving back to Athens, Nektarios was appointed Dean of a theological school,

then built a convent on the island of Aegina where he spent the last years of his life. He became the protector of Aegina, through his prayers delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Here he also endured wicked slanders with great patience, forgiving his false accusers and not seeking to avenge himself.

Although he had already worked wonders in his life, innumerable miracles have been wrought after his repose in 1920 through his holy relics, which for many years remained incorrupt. There is hardly a malady that has not been cured through his prayers; but Saint Nektarios is especially renowned for his healings of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world. His feastday is celebrated on Nov. 9.

## Saint Panteleimon



This 4th century saint was a well-educated physician, but also a Christian who became famous for healing in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful."

On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name of Jesus Christ, he also enlightened the eyes

of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth of the Savior.

Panteleimon was eventually arrested for boldly practicing his faith, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Un-mercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs. The feastday of Saint Panteleimon is Jul. 27.



## Saint Stephen, the Deacon

Stephen was the first of the seven deacons whom the Apostles established in Jerusalem to care for the poor, and to distribute alms to them. As recorded in Chapter 7 of the Book of Acts, Stephen was taken to the council of elders in Jerusalem to answer false charges made against him. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he spoke boldly in defense of Christ as the Messiah who was unjustly crucified.

His accusers could not bear to listen to his words. As Stephen was being stoned to death, he prayed that the Lord would forgive his accusers. The first of Christian martyrs, the feastday of St. Stephen is celebrated on Dec. 27.



## The Feast of Holy Pentecost

Concluding the post-Resurrection season, the feast of Pentecost commemorates the fulfillment of our Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit into the world.

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of

unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47). (source: goarch.org)

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## Birthdays



- Danny Romero (1)
- Rebecca Bryson (4)
- Elly Koltitz (4)
- George Theoharatos (6)
- Despina Medina (14)
- Vaughn Bachanos (15)
- Harry Burton (15)
- Soliana Desta (15)
- Christopher II, King (15)
- James Savaidis (15)
- Nile Solomon (15)
- Nola Duhe (17)
- Pam Lemons (17)
- Stavroula Dodd (18)
- Niat Solomon (18)
- Paula Theotocatos (21)
- Luca Balog (22)
- John Fredericksen (22)
- Sheila Hrapchak (22)
- Duane Schepers (22)
- Ezekial Retsinas (23)
- Ellie Duhe (27)
- Madelyn Pritchard (27)
- Anna Kinniburgh (29)
- Bereket Russom (29)
- Harper Kauble (30)
- Lydia Kauble (30)
- Anastasia Pagos (30)
- Nadia Schepers (30)

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.

## Father's Day Prayer

By Marilyn E. Thornton

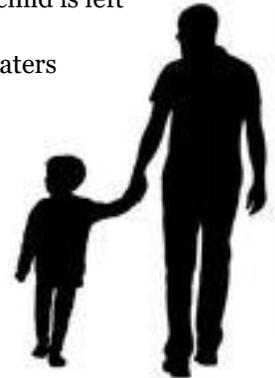
Our Father who art in Heaven,  
bless the fathers who are on earth;  
Those who work hard every day  
to light a path and show the way;  
Those who forget and don't perceive  
the devastation when they leave.

Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come;  
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.  
Help the earthly fathers know  
and praise your name in daily flow,  
Making no difference between  
the holy realm and worldly scene.

Give us this Day our Daily Bread.  
And for the dads without a job,  
Strengthen their faith in Provider God.  
Feed them with the bread of love  
The wine of justice  
The meat of determination  
The fruit of the spirit;  
That they will remember how Jesus gave  
himself for us  
Demonstrating that there are many ways  
for a man to give.

And Forgive us our Trespasses as we  
Forgive Those who Trespass against Us.  
Teach our men the ways of peace  
Desiring that all violence shall cease  
Whether husband/wife, parents/children  
Neighbor to neighbor, nation to nation  
Neither tongue, hand, gun, knife  
No shock and awe, no fiery towers . . .  
Help humanity learn how to forgive.

And Lead us not into Temptation but  
Deliver us from Evil.  
Guide all daddies to be wise.  
Give them strength of soul to seek the  
prize  
Of a world without racism or greed,  
A world where no child is left  
in need,  
A world where cheaters  
cannot win,  
Salvation reigns,  
there is no sin.  
For Thine is the  
Kingdom, the  
Power, and the  
Glory, Forever,  
Amen.



## Mochas for Missions

Help fund the Missions and Evangelism  
ministry of our Metropolis by donating to  
the Mochas for Missions program. There  
are collection cups on the tables in the  
Fellowship Room until Pentecost Sunday,  
Jun. 4.

Of the six new mission parishes in our  
metropolis, two of them are in Arizona?  
They are the Orthodox parishes in Lake  
Havasu City and in Flagstaff, Arizona.  
Your donations will help support these and  
future new Orthodox parishes.

## Summer Camp

All the youth of our parish are  
encouraged to register for All Saints  
Summer Camp, the Pan-  
Orthodox summer camp for  
Arizona Orthodox Churches  
from Wednesday, Jun. 21 –  
Monday, Jun. 26.

feature daily activities such as sports, arts  
and crafts, sessions on Orthodox Life, as  
well as morning and evening  
prayers.



Please visit  
[AllSaintsCampArizona.org](http://AllSaintsCampArizona.org) to  
register, and to find all related  
information on packing and  
preparing for summer camp.

Being held at Pine Summit Camp in  
Prescott, Arizona, the camp program will

information on packing and  
preparing for summer camp.

## St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Anna Kinniburgh, President

*"Faith without works is dead."* James 2:14

The Ladies Philoptochos Society met for their final meeting of the season last month and reviewed potential members for next year's Officers and Board of Directors. I am pleased to announce that Stella Pagos will be our new President! The complete finalized list of new Officers and Board Members will be printed after they are sworn in by Father Michael.

I have been honored to serve as Philoptochos President this last term and share the success of our Society with the dedicated members of our group and

talented ladies of the Board. Thank you for enabling me to do the work of the church and follow our hearts in continuing our philanthropic mission. I look forward to continued involvement and will remain on the Board as Advisor.

### Meeting

Due to the Labor Day holiday, our first meeting of the new term will be Monday Sep. 11 at 6 pm. As usual, we will enjoy a potluck meal followed by our meeting and together we will welcome the start of another successful Christ-centered year!

God's blessings for a happy, healthy, and restful summer!



## Congratulations Graduates!

### Megan Pallad

Graduated from Mountain Ridge High School

Plans for the fall: Enrolled in Barrett Honor's College at ASU Tempe campus.

Field of Study: Music Education

### Desiree Milonas

Graduated from Mountain Ridge High School

Plans for the fall: Desi will be attending Glendale Community College for her basic studies, and plans to transfer to Grand Canyon University and then to Midwestern University.

Her goal is to be a Nurse Anesthetist.

### Nicholas Stoia

Graduated from e Institute Charter High School.

Plans for the fall include enrolling at Glendale Community College

Field of Study: Law Enforcement



## Name Days

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

St. Dorotheos (5th)

St. Cyril (9th)

St. Methodios (14th)

St. Tychon (16th)

St. Jude (19th)

St. Julian (21st)

St. Sampson (27th)

Sts. Peter and Paul (29th)

# JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  7:00pm Choir	2	3 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Saturday of Souls</b>
4 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Sunday of All Saints</b> 12:00pm Parish Council	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Father's Day</b>	19	20	21 All Saints Summer Camp	22 All Saints Summer Camp	23 All Saints Summer Camp	24 All Saints Summer Camp
25 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy  All Saints Summer Camp	26 All Saints Summer Camp	27	28	29	30 9:00am Liturgy <b>Synaxis of the Apostles</b>	