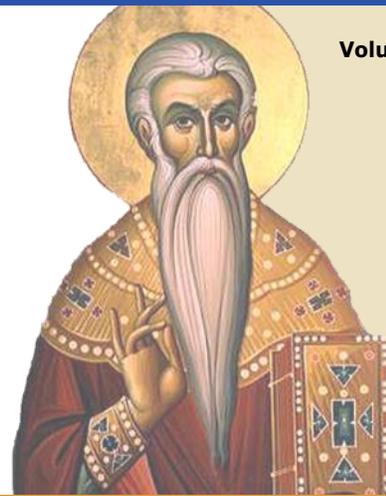


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Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos

Spring Fling Family BBQ

The Spring Fling Family BBQ last month was a fun-filled event with fun games, prizes and enjoyable fellowship. Here are a couple of photos of our young people enjoying indoor and outdoor team games.

Thank you to Dean Milonas for cooking the souvlaki, and to our Philoptochos ladies for their preparations, set-up and service.



Perryville Prison Crochet Ministry

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 new 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.



Oratorical Festival Update

On Sunday, Apr. 22, the Southwest District Oratorical Festival was held at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Our parish representatives were Catherine Baxter and Christine Hollander in the Senior Division, and Naomi Solomon and Niles Solomon in the Junior Division. In the photo collage, the top photo shows the Senior Division speakers, the middle photo shows the Junior Division speakers, and the finalists in both divisions are pictured in the bottom photo. Attending clergy (left to right): Deacon Raphael Abraham, Fr. Michael Pallad, Fr. Andrew Barakos, and Fr. Jacob Saylor.

Catherine Baxter was the first place speaker in the Senior division, and Christine Hollander the alternate.

Catherine delivered her speech once again at the Metropolis Festival, held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat center in Dunlap California on Saturday, May 5, and was awarded the top speaker in her division! She will next be competing in the National/Archdiocese Oratorical Festival, hosted this month by St. John Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, IL, on Saturday, Jun. 8. We congratulate Catherine on her oratory skills, and will be praying for continued success at the National Festival.





Father's Day

Erma Louise Bombeck was an American humorist who achieved great popularity for her newspaper column that described suburban home life from the mid-1960s until the late 1990s. In honor of Father's Day (Sunday, June 17), here is a reprint of an article by Ms. Bombeck that shines a light on some of the good that fathers do.

What Does A Father Do?

I received a letter from a single mother who had raised a son who was about to become a dad. Since he had no recollection of his own father, her question to me was "What do I tell him a father does?"

When my dad died in my ninth year, I, too, was raised by my mother, giving rise to the same question, "What do fathers do?" As far as I could observe, they brought around the car when it rained so everyone else could stay dry.

They always took the family pictures, which is why they were never in them. They carved turkeys on Thanksgiving, kept the car gassed up, weren't afraid to go into the basement, mowed the lawn, and tightened the clothesline to keep it from sagging.

It wasn't until my husband and I had children that I was able to observe firsthand what a father contributed to a child's life. What did he do to deserve his children's respect? He rarely fed them, did anything about their sagging diapers, wiped their noses or fannies, played ball, or bonded with them under the hoods of their cars.

What did he do?

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak from laughter. He cast the deciding vote on the

puppy debate. He listened more than he talked. He let them make mistakes. He allowed them to fall from their first two-wheeler without having a heart attack. He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.

If I had to tell someone's son what a father really does that is important, it would be that he shows up for the job in good times and bad times. He's a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

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He won't laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they might seem. He will dig out at 1 a.m. when one of his children runs out of gas.

He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them. When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it. He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are. By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs.

But mostly, a good father involves himself in his kids' lives. The more responsibility he has for a child, the harder it is to walk out of his life. A father has the potential to be a powerful force in the life of a child. Grab it! Maybe you'll get a greeting card for your efforts. Maybe not. But it's steady work.

Happy Father's Day!



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The Day it was Raining Flowers

This year on Apr. 19, the Thursday of Thomas week, our Gathering of Prayer group met at Sunland Cemetery in Sun City for our first Paschal Season cemetery blessing. This seasonal blessing likely predates the 4th Century as St. John Chrysostom referred to it in his writings as a customary practice. In returning to this annual tradition, our parish will be a living witness to Christ's victory over death. Our visible presence at the cemeteries where our loved ones await the final coming of the Lord is an affirmation of hope and faith.

Our little group chanted with Fr. Michael to bless the cemetery in general, and then visited several gravesites for individual blessings, chanting and Psalm readings. An attentive groundskeeper showed up at just the right time to shut off the sprinklers for us to complete our last visit. It was wonderful to celebrate Pascha by softly singing "Christ is Risen" among the graves with tiny purple flowers underfoot.

It was a breezy, cool and bright day, with yellow Palo Verde trees raining little yellow blooms everywhere. "As the flame of a fire cannot be prevented from ascending upwards, so the prayers of the compassionate cannot be held back from ascending to heaven." (St. Isaac of Syria)

Next year, we'll return to the more traditional Tuesday of Thomas week for our visit to Resthaven Cemetery. Please feel welcome to join us next year – you don't have to be a member of the prayer group to participate!



High School Graduation

This year we congratulate 10 of our young students who are graduating from high school. Following services on Sunday, May 20, each graduate was

announced and received an Orthodox Study Bible as a gift from the parish, along with a gift from our Philoptochos.



Graduates pictured in photo (from left to right) are: Brynn Bowen, Stephanie Baxter, Jason Bastell, Nicole Benjamin, Lori Benjamin, Katelyn Pritchard and Gabriella Raicoff. (Fr. Michael is also pictured, but graduated a few years earlier.) Graduates not pictured: John Papakalos, George Papamatheakis and Philemon Russom.



Stewardship

Have you become 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 carefully completing the 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.

Missions Possible

Thank you to all who donated their change for the "Missions Possible" campaign (formerly "Mochas for Missions"). This annual fundraiser benefits the Missions Ministry of our

Metropolis to help grow Orthodoxy in America. The total donated this year from the collection cups was \$239, which was sent to the San Francisco Metropolis.

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.



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)

"One Day, One Hymn, One Church"

Love to sing? Join your brothers and sisters from Orthodox parishes throughout the Valley for "One Day, One Hymn, One Church," the first-ever Arizona pan-Orthodox Choral Fellowship event, to be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, Sep. 22, from 10 am - 3 pm.

The day will include singing, fellowship, lunch, more singing, and finish with an audio/video recording of the world

premier of Psalm 23, a choral arrangement by Fr. Michael Pallad, which will be posted on social media.

If you love to sing, you're going to want to be part of this awesome event!

Registration forms will be available soon. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael.

St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

St. Anna's Philoptochos, Chapter 4052, met on Sunday, May 6 during which our budget for the year 2018-2019 was presented and accepted. I'm happy to report that with your continued support we have been able to meet all of our commitments this past year and hope that we can continue to do so in the future.

This month's commitments included a \$1,000 contribution to our church's mortgage reduction fund and \$239 has been sent to the Missions Possible fund.

This year we were excited to honor 10 high school graduates with a small token and want to wish them well in all their future endeavors. "Ke se anoterá".

Please note that even though we take a short summer break, we do not stop offering the Sunday Coffee Hour for your enjoyment. We always welcome anything that you would like to bring as an addition to our regular fare. Just drop it off at the kitchen and we will be very happy to share it with your church family.

We wish you God's blessings for a safe, happy, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

How You Can Help

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- 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.
- 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 Monday, Sep. 10 at 6 pm.



Birthdays



- Danny Romero (1)
- Rebecca Bryson (4)
- Elly Kollitz (4)
- Amanda Yaap (5)
- George Theoharatos (6)
- Despina Medina (14)
- Vaughn Bachanos (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)
- 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.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

May

- 6: Nick & Robyn Pappas
- 13: Nardos Russom and Lydia Woldesilassie
- 20: Philoptochos
- 27: Philoptochos

June

- 3: Philoptochos
- 10: Caring Friends
- 17: John and Sheila Hrapchak
- 24: Kathryn Macrides

July

- 1: Available
- 8: Available
- 15: Available
- 22: Available
- 29: Available



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

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3 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday of All Saints 11:30am Spring General Assembly All Saints Summer Camp	4 All Saints Summer Camp	5 All Saints Summer Camp	6 All Saints Summer Camp	7 All Saints Summer Camp	8 All Saints Summer Camp	9 All Saints Summer Camp
10 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	25	26	27	28	29	30