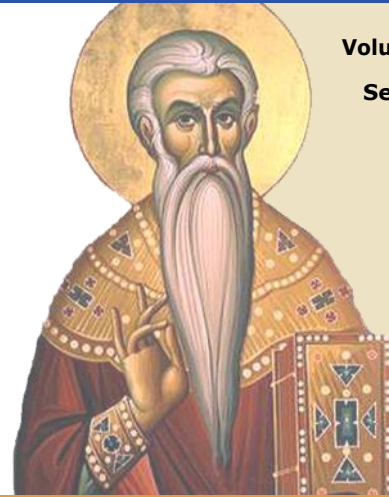


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Feastday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 14



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

Wonderful Birthday Celebration

Thank You! It was a wonderful birthday celebration for Fr. Michael! Parishioners and family came to celebrate and enjoy a fun evening with lots of desserts.

Thank you for all who made donations to St. Haralambos Church, as well as donations of yarn for the Crochet Ministry at Perryville Prison – the most ever collected in one month! Your donations are keeping this wonderful ministry thriving, and providing hand-made clothing and toys to needy and deserving children.



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.





The Precious and Life-Giving Cross

“We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify.”

The above beautiful hymn text, sung on feastdays of the Holy Cross (September 14 and the third Sunday of Great Lent), teaches, in just one brief phrase, how Orthodox Christianity looks at the Cross, and the Resurrection of Christ the Savior.

The verbs, action words, used are “venerate,” “praise,” and “glorify.” To venerate means to show respect, honor and adoration to something or someone. Why do we venerate the cross, the means of crucifixion, used to bring about a slow and painful death? Because it was through the cross, crucifixion and death, that our Lord Jesus Christ was able to overturn, annihilate and destroy death. Through the resurrection, Jesus has forever changed death to life, and the means of death (the Cross) to a “weapon of peace,” a symbol of joy and victory.

Several other examples of hymns help illustrate the same point:

From the Office of Vespers:

“The Cross of Christ is exalted today, the life-giving wood on which was fastened in the flesh He who restores all mankind.”

“Come, and let us all kiss with joy the wood of salvation, on which was stretched Christ the Redeemer.”

“Come, all people, and let us venerate the blessed wood, through which the eternal justice has been brought to pass. For he who by a tree deceived our forefather Adam, is by the cross himself deceived; and he who by tyranny gained possession of the creature endowed by God with royal dignity, is overthrown in

headlong fall.”

As in the above hymn, the joy of the resurrection even includes the understanding that Satan was deceived into believing that the Son of God had been forever destroyed, just as he thought the downfall of Adam and Eve was irreversible. But the love of God has prevailed; the crucifixion did not end in death, but rather life.

From the Matins service, we have this beautiful hymn text, referring to both Eve and the Theotokos:

“Today the death that came to man through eating of the tree is made of no effect through the Cross. For the curse of our mother Eve that fell on all mankind is destroyed by the fruit of the pure Mother of God, whom all the powers of heaven magnify.”

And again,

“The Cross is the guardian of the whole earth; the Cross is the beauty of the Church. The Cross is the strength of kings; the Cross is the support of the faithful. The Cross is the glory of angels and the wounder of demons.”

This is why we cross ourselves or venerate the cross whenever it is presented to us: in icons, by the priest at the dismissal of various worship services, when visiting burial sites or driving by churches or other buildings adorned with crosses.

Join in the liturgical celebration of the great feastday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Friday, Sep. 14.

But the love of God has prevailed; the crucifixion did not end in death, but rather life.



**St. Haralambos
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Rev. Michael Pallad

Sunday Worship

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

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Elizabeth Martell	Solomon Woldesilassie

Birthdays



Anna Kurilova (2)
Angie Cholas (4)
Jacinta Baruti (5)
Jonathan "Jon" Bachanos (7)
Katherine Tally (7)
Lloyd Covault (9)
Theodora Stoia (10)
Erini Papamatheakis (14)
Sabrina Gavrilidis (16)
Solomon Woldesilassie (16)
Jason Bastell (19)
Efrosini Curran (19)
Kathleen Harvey (19)
Trenton Wilkins (20)
Pamela Agelastos (21)
Philip Williamson (21)
Jane Milonas (22)
Christine Batalis (24)
Irene Howerin (24)
Lydia Ghebrehiwot (25)
Mogos Asfaha (27)
Michael Dicks (29)
Alexander Milonas (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.

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.

Memory Eternal

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of His servant, Carl Surman, who fell asleep in the Lord on Jul. 27. The Trisagion service was held at Sunland Mortuary on Aug. 2, Funeral Service at Saint

Haralambos Church on Aug. 3, and burial at St. Francis Cemetery in Phoenix. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant comfort to his loving wife Dena and their family, and may his memory be eternal!

Greek Festival

Preparations are beginning for the annual Peoria Greek Festival scheduled for February 8, 9, 10, 2019 and the involvement from our parishioners is vitally important to its success. Whether you were involved in Festival activities in previous years or are new to St. Haralambos Church, your enthusiastic ideas, comments and active participation are welcomed. A Planning Committee will be meeting Sep. 9 at 12 noon to confirm key players as well as booth chairmen. If you have any ideas that you feel will enhance this community event or if you would like to be involved in the planning and/or preparation, please email

Pam Lemons at peoriagreekfest2019@gmail.com or call the Church office. OPA!



St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Stella Pagos, President

Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; Psalm 41:1-2

We will be starting the new ecclesiastical year on Monday, Sep. 10 at 6 pm with a Pot Luck dinner followed by a business meeting. All are welcome! Please come and see your Philoptochos in action as we prepare to lay the groundwork for this year's ministries.

Our Deli/Bake Sale has become very popular so we will continue offering some favorite baked goodies and deli items for your home on the first Sunday of each month. Because of the Labor Day weekend we will offer our first Deli/Bake Sale on Sunday, Sep. 9. Some of the items we will be offering include, KOULOURAKIA, FETA CHEESE, KALAMATA &

MARINATED CRACKED GREEN OLIVES. All the items we offer are reasonably priced and your support helps us to achieve our goals. Besides supporting our monthly Deli/Bake Sale, there are multiple ways you can help.

- Become a Philoptochos member.
- Host a Sunday Coffee Hour.
- 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.
- 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.)

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Sunday Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts.

August

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

September

- 2: Dina Surman
- 9: Olga Carlson
- 16: Available
- 23: Available
- 30: Available

October

- 7: Available
- 14: Available
- 21: Available
- 28: Available

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

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during my absence.
It was greatly appreciated.
In Christ's love, Zoe



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



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	3 Church Office Closed	4	5	6 7:00pm Choir	7	8 9:00am Divine Liturgy Nativity of the Theotokos
9 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	10	11 10:00am Bible Study	12	13 7:00pm Choir	14 9:00am Divine Liturgy Feast of the Holy Cross	15
16 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	17	18 10:00am Bible Study	19	20 7:00pm Choir	21	22
23 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	24	25 10:00am Bible Study	26	27 7:00pm Choir	28	29
30 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy						