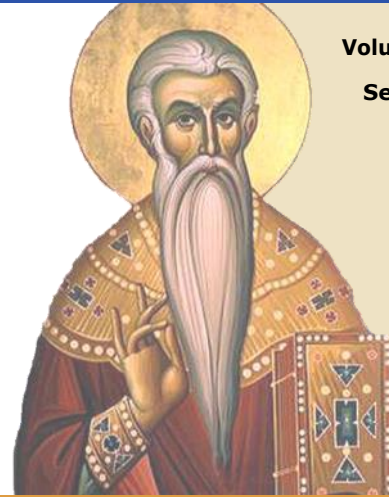


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*Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos*



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

By Reni Milonas, Project Leader

Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child is a nondenominational Christian organization that with a shoebox gift and a booklet about Jesus Christ leads to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches.

Operation Christmas Child counts on thousands of volunteers to collect and process millions of shoebox gifts every year. These volunteers take on many roles, all with one wonderful purpose: *to bring the Gospel to children in need around the world.*

On Sunday, Sep. 22 we will have a bake sale fundraiser to cover the \$9 shipping fee for each box. Your \$9 donation helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way. Your donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with the shoebox gifts.

Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10 am, St. Haralambos will have a shoebox packing party with a church goal of 200 boxes. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help fill shoeboxes.

Nov. 18 - 25, St. Haralambos Church will be serving as the Northwest valley drop-off for Operation Christmas Child. We will be receiving shoeboxes packed with Christmas gifts to be sent to children in various countries throughout the world. There will be more information to follow.



## New Kitchen Appliances

Thanks to the Obren family and their generous contribution, we have been able to purchase a replacement mixer and commercial oven for the kitchen.





## Day for the Protection of the Environment

The month of September begins the new Church year according to the Orthodox Christian calendar, but in 1989, Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios, of blessed memory, added another celebration for the first of September: the feastday for the Protection of the Environment. He called on leaders of the various Orthodox jurisdictions throughout the world to include prayers for the protection of the environment, and also established international conferences to address the ecological crisis of our modern world, the first of which was held at the Orthodox Academy of Crete in November 1991.

The current Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I, has continued this tradition and has earned an international reputation as the “green” Patriarch. In May of 2008, Time Magazine included the Patriarch in its listing of the 100 Most Influential People. The article, reproduced here, was written by the head of the Anglican Church, Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

“The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople enjoys a resonant historical title but, unlike the Pope in the Roman Catholic context, has little direct executive power in the world of Eastern Orthodoxy. Patriarchs have had to earn their authority on the world stage, and, in fact, not many Patriarchs in recent centuries have done much more than maintain the form of their historic dignities.

Patriarch Bartholomew, however, has turned the relative political weakness of the office into a strength, grasping the fact that it allows him to stake

out a clear moral and spiritual vision that is not tangled up in negotiation and balances of power. And this vision is dominated by his concern for the environment. In a way that is profoundly loyal to the traditions of worship and reflection in the Eastern Orthodox Church, he has insisted that ecological questions are essentially spiritual ones.

He has stressed that a world in which God the Creator uses the material stuff of the universe to communicate who he is and what he wants is one that demands reverence from human beings. Probably more than any other religious leader from any faith, Patriarch Bartholomew, 68, has kept open this spiritual dimension of environmentalism.

The title Ecumenical Patriarch historically refers to the Patriarch’s pastoral responsibility for “the whole inhabited world.” This brave and visionary pastor has given a completely new sense to the ancient honorific; his work puts squarely on our agenda the question on how we express spiritual responsibility for the world we live in.”

Considering the numerous hardships under which the Patriarchate operates in Constantinople (Istanbul) Turkey, it is even more remarkable that His All-Holiness has earned such a reputation, of which we, as Orthodox Christians in the United States, should be aware.

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Matins: 8:45 a.m.  
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Roy Christian	Dean Milonas
John Hrapchak	Ken Wrona
Anna Kinniburgh	Valla Wrona

## Understanding our Mission

*We are a loving Christ-centered community whose mission is to keep, practice and proclaim our Orthodox Christian faith as a living presence to those around us.*

### To keep the Orthodox Christian Faith

Part 1: Preserving - Part 2: Trusting God

**Part 1: Keeping the Faith;** Preserving the beliefs that have been handed down to us without change. This Orthodox belief is found in the New Testament and our Creed which was established by the church in order to teach and preserve our faith. We are not to add to or take away from the teachings of our faith.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings.

2Co 11:3 I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough.

Mat 24:24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise to deceive, if possible, even the elect. "See, I have told you beforehand.

2Th 2:9 The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2Jo 1:7 For many deceivers are in the world, men who will not acknowledge the coming of Jesus Christ.

I hope you are not deceived by the lies you hear coming from the non-believers of the world. Those who promote adultery,

fornication, homosexuality, transgenderism, abortion and all other false teachings that is in opposition to our faith.

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness.

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

2Co 11:14 For even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.

I hope and pray that none of us are led astray by what the world's "Grand Illusion Show."

2Pe 2:1 There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. They will exploit you with deceptive words.

We need to be very careful not to allow the deceptive false teachings of "The World" to infiltrate our Christian communities. **THE TRUTH IS IN JESUS.**

Jhn 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Jhn 16:33 I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

## DEBT FREE 2020

### Mortgage Payoff Campaign

Thank you to all who have donated towards eliminating this burden. We have brought our building mortgage down to just **\$20,000!** Please be as generous as possible in helping us achieve this goal. Together we can truly be **"Debt Free by 2020"**.



## St. Anna's Philoptochos Society

By Reni Milonas, President

*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15*

On Aug. 4 the Philoptochos Board took the Oath of Office. Special thanks and gratitude goes to the following women: Anna Kinniburgh-Vice President, Stella Pagos-Treasurer, Flo Curran-Secretary, Dimetra Abbitt, Mary Elaine McGinn, and Maria Lafayette.

Together we will have two successful years of philanthropy, fellowship, and faith in action. St. James, in his Epistle, Chapter 1, Verse 22, exhorts all Christians to be "Doers of the Word, and hearers only". The members of the Philoptochos are "doers" and our accomplishments are monumental. We urge all women of our parish to join us.

Our first meeting is Sunday, Sep. 8 and it will be a potluck lunch that will be shared with our church community. We will take our plates into the conference room and have our meeting.

Our first Deli/Bake Sale will be on Sep. 15. All the items we offer are reasonably priced and your support helps us to achieve our goals.

### 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.
- Join us at our annual Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon.
- Link your Fry's card to the Fry's Community Rewards Program. (Enter the St. Haralambos Church Account # VJ497 when enrolling.)

Thank you in advance for your support.



## Sunday School

We welcome all children to join the Sunday School program which starts immediately following Holy Communion.

### Important Dates

Aug. 25: First Day of Class

Sep. 1: No Sunday School - Labor Day

Nov. 3: Teachers - Remind students of upcoming Veteran Day's Youth Group Activity

Nov. 24: No Sunday School - Thanksgiving

Dec. 22: Christmas Pageant

Dec. 29: No Sunday School - Christmas

Feb. 9: No Sunday School - Festival

Mar. 1: Parents - Tentative Parish Oratorical Festival

Apr. 5: Teachers - Remind students of upcoming Lazarus Saturday & Palm Cross Making & Myrrh Bearers for Holy Friday

Apr. 19: No Sunday School - Agape Vespers & Children's Egg Hunt

May 17: End of Year Ceremony

## Birthdays



- Anna Kurilova (2)
- Nebiel Desta (3)
- Angie Cholas (4)
- Demetrios Gryparis (4)
- Katherine Tally (7)
- Jacob Barba (8)
- Lloyd Covault (9)
- Theodora Stoia (10)
- Christopher King (11)
- Erini Papamatheakis (14)
- Athina Papakalos (15)
- Solomon Woldesilassie (16)
- Vassiliki Bayiokos (19)
- Flo Curran (19)
- Kathleen Harvey (19)
- Anthony Nickolopoulos (20)
- Trenton Wilkins (20)
- Jane Milonas (22)
- Lydia Ghebrehiwot (25)
- Mogos Asfaha (27)
- 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.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHORAL FELLOWSHIP

**ONE DAY. ONE HYMN. ONE CHURCH.**

September 21, 2019

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - SCOTTSDALE, AZ

**COME SING WITH US!**

- An enjoyable day of choral music fellowship
- Join parishioners from AZ Orthodox churches
- World premiere of "Christ is Born; Glorify Him!", a new Orthodox Christmas hymn
- Video recording to be posted on social media

**DETAILS**

- Family event for ages 8 - 98!
- 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Lunch included
- Adults \$15
- Students \$10
- Register at [occfellowship.org](http://occfellowship.org) after August 1st

*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, Sep. 17 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 Session: 8pm – 8:30pm

## Registration Fee

Received by September 1: \$60/person; \$100/couple

Received after September 1: \$70/person; \$120/couple

## Tuesday Evenings

1. Sep. 17: The Search for Faith
2. Sep. 24: God the Holy Trinity
3. Oct. 1: Being Human: Fully Alive
4. Oct. 8: Why Did Jesus Come to Us?
5. Oct. 15: Salvation in Christ
6. Oct. 22: The Holy Spirit
7. Oct. 29: What on Earth is the Church?  
Nov. 5: No Class
8. Nov. 12: Living the Faith: The Divine Liturgy
9. Nov. 19: Living the Faith: The Holy Mysteries
10. Nov. 26: Living the Faith: The Bible, Prayer and Fasting
11. Dec. 3: Living the Faith: Christian Behavior
12. Dec. 10: 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



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



# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy  Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> (Office Closed)	<b>3</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Birth of the Theotokos</b> 12:00pm Philoptochos Meeting Parish Potluck	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Parish Council	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Elevation of the Life-giving Cross</b>
<b>15</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Caring Friends Meeting Philoptochos Deli/Bake Sale	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:00pm The Way The Search for Faith	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am One Day, One Hymn, One Church; Pan-Orthodox Choral Event Assumption Church, Scottsdale
<b>22</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:00pm The Way The Holy Trinity	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<b>30</b>					