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From Father: Conforming Our Sorrows Into His Joy

What does it mean to believe in the Resurrection of Christ? Personal experiences provide the strongest conviction that something is true. It is more difficult to rely on the testimony of others, as Thomas found himself absent when the risen Christ did appear. In my own faith journey, I can pinpoint a moment not when I could say I saw the risen Christ, but I can attest that I had an *encounter*. Worship is always the gift of *encounter*. After putting forth a spiritual effort to prepare for the coming of Holy Week, the *encounter* takes on a particular intensity like no other time. The early Christians prepared for Pascha with fasting for only one week. Not to discount the prolonged benefits from preparing for forty days, but those who arrive at the eleventh hour are welcome to join those who labored at the first.

Think of fasting not in terms of suffering a loss of the things we love but in terms of discovering the gift of being fed each day by the presence of the Lord. For He said, "I am the bread of life; the one who comes to Me in no wise shall hunger; and the one who believes in Me in no wise shall thirst at any time" (Jn. 6:35). The meaning of our Lord's words can be found in how St. Paul described his life in Christ. "But whatsoever things were gain to me, these I have deemed a loss for the Christ. I also deem all things to be a loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for Whom I suffered the loss of all things, and deem them to be dung, that I might win Christ..." (Phil. 3:7-8). Here, food and all earthly "gains" come to be seen as empty without the knowledge of Christ.

Think of Holy Week, when we remember Christ's Passion, as being given permission to depart from everyday concerns in order to focus our attention on Christ—to spend an entire week immersed in worship and devoted to living obediently to the will of God. This makes possible the quieting of everyday noise and distractions so that our prayer finds its power to bring us into the presence of Christ. Some practical things that can assist in this process are covering the TV, reading scripture, refraining from playing video games, staying off social media, and turning off of mobile devices in the presence of family members. Quieting the noise in our lives renders the soul open to hearing the silent language of God in the heart. It is in this state that we are invited to experience the love of God as He empties Himself through His Passion. Holy Week is an invitation to deepen our experience of the Passion of Christ, *the crucifixion before the crucifixion*. The mystery of salvation is brought about through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church. Having put forth a Lenten effort to repent and cleanse the stained robes of baptism, we cry out, seeking from Christ the blessing to partake in this life of the Wedding Feast to come. It is in connecting our own sufferings with Christ's which shines the light of joy upon His Resurrection.

St. Paul suffered greatly because of his faith in Christ, yet he never lost faith and even found the ability to rejoice and be thankful for all things, including the evils in his life. He saw all these things as conforming his sufferings as a means to partaking in the sufferings of Christ. He said, "...to come to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the partaking of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if by any means I might attain to the resurrection of the dead" (Phil. 3:10-11). Chrysostom explains: - "He says 'being conformed (συμμορφούμενος) to His death,' that is, 'having partaken.' For, 'even as He suffered under men, in like manner he says, so have I.'. For this reason he said 'being conformed' and again in another place, 'I rejoice in my sufferings on behalf of you, and fill up the things lacking of the afflictions of the Christ in my flesh, on behalf of His body, which is the Church' (Col. 1:24). Therefore, the persecutions and the afflictions and the straits ought not give rise to our clamor, but even the cause for us to be glad; for by means of these we are being conformed to His death....And so he says elsewhere that he is 'always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus' (2 Cor. 4:10). This too comes from great faith.... We have become "christs" in this respect. O how great is the dignity of sufferings!" (Hom. 11, P.G. 62:286 [col. 266]).

The unique witness of a Christian is precisely that they carry about in themselves both the crucified and the resurrected Christ. We are called to become co-servants, co-sufferers, co-sharers in the Holy Spirit, co-Sons of God, co-workers of the will of God and co-partakers of His divine nature. Holy Week is the ultimate gift which produces *great faith* capable of transforming our sufferings and persecutions into an *encounter* with the living God.

Christ is Risen!



Father Andrew

Philoptochos



Thank you to all who donated health kits for Phoenix Rescue Mission; we were able to donate over two hundred kits to those in need. Your kind donations were appreciated! Also, thank you for all the donations for our Pan-Orthodox Vespers reception—it was a beautiful affair with many from around the valley and a wonderful way to end an event-filled weekend.

Pascha Flowers

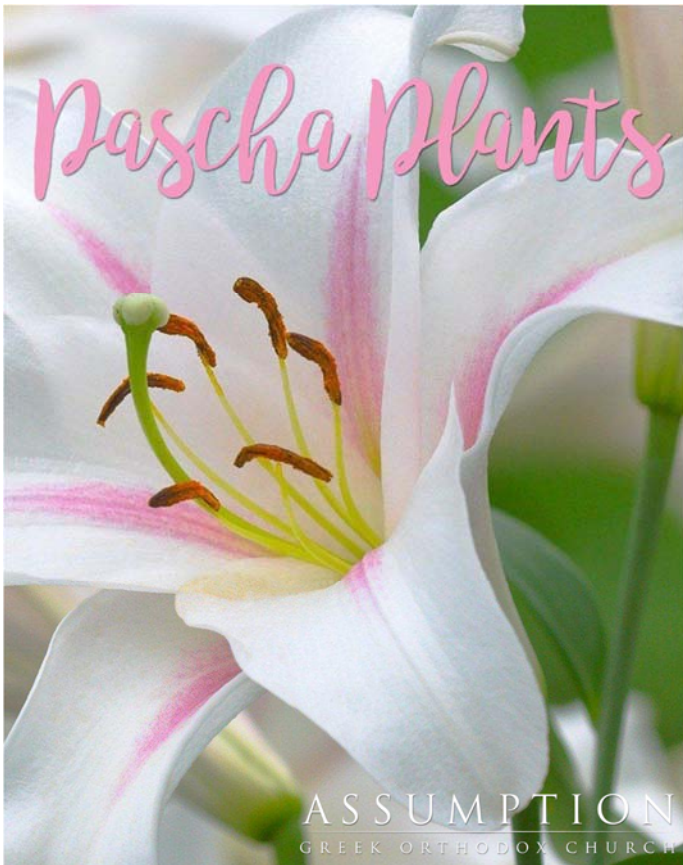
Philoptochos will also be accepting donations for the flowers that will adorn the church during Holy Week. Please see the form below if you would like to contribute. We will be decorating the Kouvouklion on Holy Friday following the Royal Hours service.

Mom's Pantry

We have the opportunity to serve with Mom's Pantry on **May 19 at 9am**. Anyone nine years and older is welcome. Our duties will include: pre-packaging food bags, repackaging rice and beans, running check-in and registration and clean up. We're looking for ten volunteers. For more information, contact Tina Kanelos Jones: tkanelos@gmail.com

Crab Feast

We are currently planning the Crab Feast on **April 20!** If you are interested in helping out, please contact Christina Dimtsios at ctdimtsios@msn.com or 602-661-0481 or Eleni Sommerschild at Philoptochos@assumptionaz.org or 480-421-8853. You may reserve your spot for the Crab Feast after Liturgy in the Community Center.



Remember beloved family and friends and adorn the Church with beautiful Easter lily plants this Pascha

In Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

Memorial donations are \$25 per plant; however, you may offer more

Please make checks payable to St. Barbara Philoptochos with memo "Pascha Plants"

Please submit this form either to the Assumption office or with a Philoptochos representative

Deadline: April 1, 2018

St. Barbara Philoptochos | 8202 E. Cactus Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260



APRIL 1, 2018

Adult \$18 | Senior (65+) \$15 | Youth (13-17) \$12
Children (6-12) \$5 | Children (5 & Under) Free

Name _____ Phone _____

Adult x _____ = _____ Child x _____ = _____ Total \$ _____

Senior x _____ = _____ Under 5 x _____ = _____

Youth x _____ = _____

RSVP by Sunday, March 25. Reservations required.
Call the office at 480 991-3009 or Sally Solomon at 602-400-8497.

Spirit Fest

Spirit Fest will make its return **Saturday, May 5!** For those interested in volunteering, there will be an organizational meeting in April—please stay tuned. We are looking for the many talents of our parishioners to create a wonderful, dynamic event!

For more information about this ministry, please contact the church office: 480-991-3009 or office@assumptionaz.org.



NEW Keeping in Touch Ministry

We are in the process of putting together a new ministry, “Keeping in Touch,” to serve our parishioners living alone—this could include anything from a simple phone call to providing transportation to an appointment.

We are looking for volunteers as well as names of those who would benefit from this type of aid. If you know of someone who is in need, or if you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Sally Solomon: 602-400-8497 for more details.

NEW Moms & Tots



For all moms, soon-to-be moms, and families with young children ages newborn to four years old—Assumption's new Moms & Tots Ministry offers a wonderful opportunity for uplifting and encouraging connection, fellowship, study, and play. Our first get together will be a fellowship and orientation event held on **Bright Friday, April 13, at 9:30am!**

Meeting in our community hall on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 9:30am and 12:30pm, respectively, this ministry will also include an aspect of study for our moms; at each of our meetings, we will together review and discuss materials that pertain to

topics such as motherhood and raising Christian children. Our first book, available soon, will be *Having A Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life* by Joanna Weaver.

We are excited to offer this newly-reorganized ministry to our moms! Come and invest in your faith and your child, while simultaneously connecting with other Orthodox moms and young families in our parish. To learn more about the Assumption Moms & Tots Ministry, please contact Jennifer Lopez (jjlopez0221@gmail.com) or Alyssa Brown (alybrown23@gmail.com). Also, if you have any toys or play structures you would like to donate, please also reach out to us!

Loving Life +50

Join us this month at the Singh Meadows Farmers Market, 1490 E Weber Dr., Tempe (behind the Big Surf as a landmark), where we will enjoy the farmer's market and café. Please meet at the entrance at **9:00am on Saturday, April 14.**

Thank you to all who attended our potluck lunch on March 8; it was great getting to know each other and share ideas for the coming year. Some of the activities we discussed were: a trip to St. Anthony's Monastery, cooking classes, paint classes, light rail trip to downtown and tour of the Arizona State Capitol, movies at church, Top Golf, wine tasting, day trips to Sedona or Prescott, casual get-togethers at our church coffee shop with games (Bunco, backgammon etc.), concerts at Railroad Park, museum trips (Phoenix Art, MIM, etc.), outings at the theater and/or symphony, spring training games, concerts at Kerr Center & MIM, rodeo, a boat trip, and, back by popular demand, group hikes and breakfast. We discussed having some of the casual get together events on a monthly basis, and we will let you know when they will be and times.



We would like to sign you up for e-mail list, so that if we find a really fun event, we could reach out to you and let you know about it. Or, if for some reason we need to change a date or time for an event, we can let you know.

Mark your calendar for May event on **May 18** for social hour at the OdySea Aquarium mall at 4:30pm. Details to follow.

Book of Needs



The following items are those remaining in the Book of Needs as of mid-December. For the most updated list, please visit assumptionaz.org/bookofneeds, or call the parish office.

- Item #1 A, B, C, & D - 22' Stainless Steel Commercial Hood & Venting \$17,250 each (4 Available)
- Item # 28 A & B - Blenders for Café \$2,500 each (2 Available)
- Item #35 - "Buy Your Seat At The Table" Includes chair & setting \$250 each (117 Available | 283 Sold)
- Item #37 - Buy a chair in the classroom includes tables \$150 each (60 Available | 60 Sold)
- Item #38 C - Display Shelving for Bookstore \$5,000 each (1 Available)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number/Email _____

To reserve your item and confirm that it is still available, prior to mailing this form, please contact the church office: office@assumptionaz.org or 480-991-3009. If you wish to charge to a card, please contact the office.

Item # _____, \$ _____ Item Name _____

Item # _____, \$ _____ Item Name _____

Item # _____, \$ _____ Item Name _____

Item # _____, \$ _____ Item Name _____

I do not wish to sponsor any particular item, but I would like to make the following offering towards the new building \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

In Memory Of _____

*Please submit this form via mail or scanned attachment via email:
8202 E. Cactus Rd, Scottsdale, AZ, 85260, or office@assumptionaz.org.*

Thank you to all who contributed—Glory to God!



St. Barbara Philoptochos
ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

Friday, April 20, 2018

6:30 pm • Hors d'oeuvres

7:30 pm • Dinner, Dessert, Raffle & Auction

\$40 Admission

\$20 Children (6-12)

Childcare will be provided

Reserve by April 15, 2018

All proceeds benefit Philoptochos Charities

We are seeking silent auction and raffle items or your gift of time and talent. For information, reservations, or to donate, please contact

Eleni Sommerschild or Christina Dimtsios at
philoptochos@assumptionaz.org

Name _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Tables reserved for 8 or 10

Crab Leg Dinner	# _____	x \$40 = \$ _____
Non-Crab Dinner	# _____	x \$40 = \$ _____
Youth (6 to 12)	# _____	x \$20 = \$ _____
Children (5 & Under)	# _____	x Free = \$ _____

I cannot attend but will make a donation

Total \$ _____

Please submit reservation form and payment to:

*St. Barbara Philoptochos
C/O Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
8202 E. Cactus Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260*

All Saints Camp

Mark your calendars! All Saints Orthodox Summer Camp returns this **June 3 to 9**, and registration opens this month!

For more information about this ministry, please visit our website at www.allsaintscamparizona.org. You may also follow us on Instagram (allsaintscampaz), Snapchat (allsaintscampaz), or Facebook (All Saints Camp Arizona +)!

Also, to support this ministry, Assumption will be hosting our First Annual ASC Invitational **Friday, May 11**. Check-in is at 7am, and Shot-Gun Scramble at 8am. Registration is \$100 before May 1 or \$125 after the date. Lunch will be included at 1pm—you may attend only the luncheon for \$25. Sponsor opportunities are also available! For more information, please contact the church office: office@assumptionaz.org or 480-991-3009.

Sr. GOYA

In addition to our Holy Friday Retreat on **April 6**, Sr. GOYA will get together this month on **Wednesday evening, April 25, at 6pm!** We will also be joining the Walk for Missions on **Saturday, April 21**. Stay tuned for information regarding check in time and more.

To learn more about Assumption's high school/Sr. GOYA youth ministry, please go to: <http://assumptionaz.org/youth/>, or contact our church office directly at (480) 991-3009.

HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT
Middle & HS Students (7th-12th Grade)
APRIL 6 | 9:45 am - 2:45 pm

TABERNACLE TOUR LIVE

PLEASE RSVP to office@assumptionaz.org

ASSUMPTION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Accepting donations for Vista del Camino food drive



Holy Friday Retreat Grades K through 6

The Cross & The Chalice...
We Give Thanks!

April 6 | 9:45am to 2:45pm

Please RSVP by April 2 to office@assumptionaz.org

First Fridays

For all parents and Jr. GOYA, JOY, & HOPE youth (grades K-8), our last First Fridays of the school year will be on **Friday, May 4!**

Our evening will run from 5:30pm to 8:30pm, with food, games, activities, and talks provided throughout the evening. Parents wishing for their youth to participate should arrive no later than 6pm, and register with our excellent volunteer staff. All are welcome to participate! Invite your family and friends!

For any questions or to get involved: please contact Fr. Jacob Saylor: frjacob@assumptionaz.org.

Young Adult Orthodox Forum

The Orthodox Forum will meet on **Thursday evening, April 19, at 7 pm!**

All young adults are welcomed and warmly encourage to attend! So invite your friends, and feel free to bring along a drink or snack for the whole crowd or your own dinner you've yet to get to during your busy day.

This ministry typically meets twice monthly on Thursday evenings, from 7-9 pm. For more information regarding this ministry, please contact Fr. Jacob Saylor: frjacob@assumptionaz.org.



Women's Book Club

The Assumption Women's Book Club meets once each month to discuss a wide variety of books.

This month's gathering will be **Thursday, April 19, at 7pm**. Our book of the month is *In the Eyes of Your Creator*, by David L. Fontes.

For more information, please contact Presvytera Andrea: presandrea@yahoo.com.

Greek Dance

Weekly practices for our groups will continue after Pascha through May. The youth practices will be on Sundays for an hour following Liturgy.

Adult lessons will continue to be held on Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The adult lessons are a great way to not only learn the traditional dances but to also create new friendships, learn some new dances, and get in some exercise in a fun way!



Family Meal Outreach

Come together with fellow Assumption parishioners the first Monday of each month, as we joyfully labor to offer meals to local struggling families and homeless, at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Reclamation Center, 420 West Watkins Road in Phoenix.

An opportunity to help to serve between one hundred to four hundred hot meals to working families in need, volunteers can also lead children in enriching activities in the Dream Center, playground, or assist with interviewing families in need. *All spots must be confirmed by the Thursday prior to service.*

Everyone is warmly encouraged to participate in this labor of love **Monday, April 2, from 4pm to 6:30pm!** For further information, or to get involved, please feel free to contact Tina Kanelos Jones at tkanelos@gmail.com, or check out the Society of St Vincent de Paul's website, here: <http://www.stvincentdepaul.net/>.

Les Misérables

Les Misérables is coming to ASU Gammage! Presvytera Andrea has purchased group tickets to see the performance on **Sunday, May 20, at 6:30pm**. The group tickets are available at a reduced price of \$48.00. If you are interested in going with the Assumption group, please see/contact Presvytera Andrea: presandreyahoo.com.



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AHEPA Chapter 219

Congratulations to Jimmy Yannakopoulos
-219 AHEPAN of the Year Award Recipient-



Photo by Nick Maydanis

April Meeting Information

Our next meeting is:

Thursday, April 19th, 2018
6:30pm

Location: Home of John & Maria
Kostaras. Contact John
480-318-1935 for details.

Interested in becoming a member?
Contact Pete Marudas
602-284-1638

Project Mexico: Seeking Sponsors

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me.'"

Assumption Church is again participating in the Project Mexico missionary effort with St Innocent Orphanage outside Tijuana, Mexico. We are set to engage in this labor of love this **July 27 to August 2**, but we are still in need of raising a great deal of funding (approximately another \$6,000) to provide not only for transportation and food costs, but also to be able to afford the building materials required to make these humble homes a reality!



By receiving a donation, volunteers will be enabled to participate in this annual philanthropic mission effort. This joyful opportunity to give is available to anyone who wishes to participate, even while they may not be able to directly offer their hands or backs. Please feel encouraged to donate to this year's trip!

To donate, please contact our parish office at 480-991-3009 or click the donate button at <http://assumptionaz.org/ministries/#/projectmexico/>

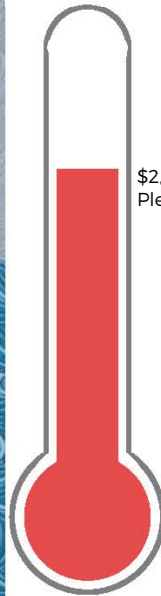
To learn more about Project Mexico's homebuilding ministry, feel free to check them out online at: <https://www.projectmexico.org/homebuilding/>.

Campaign Commitment

HAVE YOU STEPPED OUT IN FAITH?
JOIN US!



\$3,500,000 Goal



Metropolitan Gerasimos

Groundbreaking Ceremony
August 21, 2016

"You are at the point in this community where you start to walk on the water of the next chapter by the faith that brought you here. You will never look down in the water around you but always forward and upward."

As a Parish community we have commenced construction of our new Community Center and stepped out of the boat **together in faith** making an exciting and important statement—our belief in the **future** of the Orthodox Church and the importance of our church **family**.

COMMITMENT CARD

I/We plan to give to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund \$_____ to be fulfilled by the end of the Campaign on March 31, 2018, for the building of the Community Center Complex.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Date _____

JOIN US!

Building Faith, Family, & Future Stewards

Agnos, Christ & Christine	Dungan, Richard & Dorothy	Koss, Richard & Mary Ann	Pullos, Christina
Aleck, Kyriekkos & Mary Lou	Economopoulos, Peter & Ginny	Kossaras, George & Lia	Quinn, Leslie
Ames, Athena	Edwardson, Jeff & Jackie	Kostas, John & Maria	Renner, Michael & Mary Lou
Anastos, Nick & Athena	Egnash, Rodney	Kotsovos, Nick & Georgia	Riethmann, Elizabeth
Aravosis, Peter & Carol	Eliades, Nick & Angie	Kotsovos, Spiros & Krista	Ristagno, Mike & Antonia
Argue, Clifford & Theodora	Elias, George	Koufidakis, Philip & Angela	Rouse, Lance & Kerri
Argyropoulos, Ann	Evangelides, Chris & Sophie	Koutsouvanos, George & Katrina	Samalis, Linda
Argyros, Apostolos	Ferry, Amon & Priscilla	Kypreos, Bill & Evie	Sarigiannides/Bekos, Lazaros & Ageliki
Armstrong, Floyd & Frances	Floor, Timothy & Karla	Lewandowski, Craig & Joanne	Schafer, Marcia
Asay, Lavinia	Fotias, Theodore & Evangeline	Liakakos, James & Nikol	Sgouros, George & Traci
Ashby, Ennis & Sophia	Fountotos, Nick & Cindy	Logan, Stacy & Ginger	Shewmaker, Douglass & Juliet
Babu, Louisa +	Francis, Katherine	Lucia, Charleen	Shraiky, Hanadi
Barakos, Rev. Fr. Andrew & Pres. Andrea	Gallo, Frantzeska	Majoros, Themistocles & Barbara	Sisson, Rocky & Connie
Barker, Shawn & Michelle	Garrison, Thomas & Tanya	Makridis, Takis & Vanessa	Skarlis, Jim & Sandra
Bartol, Lee & Ann	Genetos, George & Michele	Mandakas, Leila	Solomon, Constantin & Mirella
Belt, Tammy	Georgiopoulos, Pete & Cassandra	Maniatis, Bette	Solomon, Sally
Bergquist, John & Elaine	Guyan, Suzanne	Maniatis, Maria	Sommerschild, Scott & Eleni
Bill, Daniel & Melisa	Hakim, Abby	Manos, Anna	Spanos-Ruiz, Dimitri & Jewel
Bogues, James & Joyce	Hiras, Mary	Marouli, Spiro & Christine	Spelius, George & Mindy
Bowman, Elaine	Hiras/Fountis, Michael & Sophia	Maxwell, Rev. Dcn. Drew & Dcnssa. Kathleen	Speropoulos, Frieda
Braskett, Diana	Hubbard, Diane & Steven	McNamara, Ed & Andrea	Stamas, James & Laurie
Brewer, Deborah	Ioannou, John & Coralia	Mellas, Nicholas & Georgia	Stamatelos, Kimberly
Brown, Mark & Alyssa	Issichopoulos, Connie	Mellon, Chris & Carrie	Stehling, Linda
Bruskas, Chris & Rita	Jasmer, David & Alice	Metanias, Andrew & Joanne	Stell, Dennis & Estelle
Burke / Gonos, Tom & Joanna	Johnson, Daniel & Nicole	Michaels, Catherine Alexandria	Stephenson, Sean & Stephanie
Bustamante, Sergio & Susie	Jones, Kevin & Tina	Mihailidis, Nicholas & Irene	Tambakeras, Markos & Pamela
Catsadimas, Sotera	Jones, Rita H	Millstine, John & Denise	Tavlarides, Takie + & Nickolette
Catsoules, Nick	Kalivas, James & Linda	Mitchell, Delores	Tavlarides, Teddy
Chandiles, Eva	Kallonas, Marika	Moore, Mike & Lauren	Theodorou, Anna
Chirbas, Bessie	Kalomas, George	Moschonas, Constantine & Debbie	Theoharatos, Constantino & Karen
Christias, Eleftherios & E. Diane	Kalomas, Helen	Motley, Phyllis	Tobey, William & Carole
Chronis, Betty	Kanios, Louis	Nassos / Pulos Nassos, Jonathan & Jenni	Tournas, Joshua & Lucille
Clary, Andrew & Irene	Kantaros, Nick & Dena	Nassos, Marc & Terah	Tripsas, Trifon & Georgia
Conti, Edward & Pam	Karagiannis, Paul & Kathy	Necropoulos, Nick & Bettie	Karamigios, Jeannie
Craig, Michael & Christina	Karamigios, Jeannie	Nemer, Donald & Lorraine	Tsokas, Kathy & Panayote
Cummings, Janet	Kariotoglou, Dimitrios & Ekaterine	New, William & Sonia	Tucker, Marvin & Eleni
Daddario, Nick & Angie	Karraz, Antonios & Bonnie	New, Toula +	Tuman, Walter & Helena
Dalianos, Thanos & Marguerite	Kartsonis, Mike & Joanne	Nicolopoulos, Chris & Lee	Tutelman, Maria
Dandas, Gus	Katerinis, William & Barbara	Nicols, Paula	Tzavaras, Thomas & Bessie
David, Jack & Shannon	Katsafouros, Sophia	Noplos, Mary	Unks, Ray & Dee
David, Joseph & Paru	Katsafouros, Stephani	Noplos, Phil & Helen	Valos, John & Georgia
David, Michael & Sherine	Katsuleas, Sylvia	Palivos, George	Villela/Kotrotsios, Hector & Sandy
David, Voula	Kechajias, Fanny	Papadopoulos, Anthony & Sandra	Vlachos, Demetrios & Lydia
Deffigos, John & Mary	Kenney, Leslie	Pappas, Stephan & Kay	Vouniozos, Helen
Demetri, Stavros & Susie	Kingsley, Harrison	Parides, George & Dorothy	Weiss/ Demogenes, Ed & Stephanie
Demetropoulos, James	Kircos, Spiro	Parides, Nitsa	Wilder, Kevin & Tina
Demetropoulos, John & Mary	Kireopoulos, Louis & Maura	Pasisis, George & Vicky	Wolfe/Keegan, Rick & Victoria
Demetrulias, George & Janis	Kireopoulos, Steve & Jennie	Pasisis, Ted & Fotini	Wrasman, Brent & Cynthia
Demetrulias, Krista	Kobs, Kenneth & Sophia	Pateras, Angelo & Joyce	Wright, Athena
Demogenes, Peter & Sharon	Koines, Nicholas & Vickie	Pena, Elenitsa	Yannakopoulos, George & Helen
Dimas, Ted & Vicky	Koines, Paul	Plache, Ken & Penelope	Zafirakis, George & Nikoletta
DiMino, Michael & Joni	Kondylis Family, Family,	Poulos, Andrew & Angela	
Dimtsios, John & Christina	Konstantopoulos, Heidi & Oscar	Poulos, Steven & Catherine	
Dollas, Byron & Elaine	Brocamante		
Doukas, Hope	Kontgas, Anastasia		
	Kosmitis-Hall, Koleen & Jonathan		

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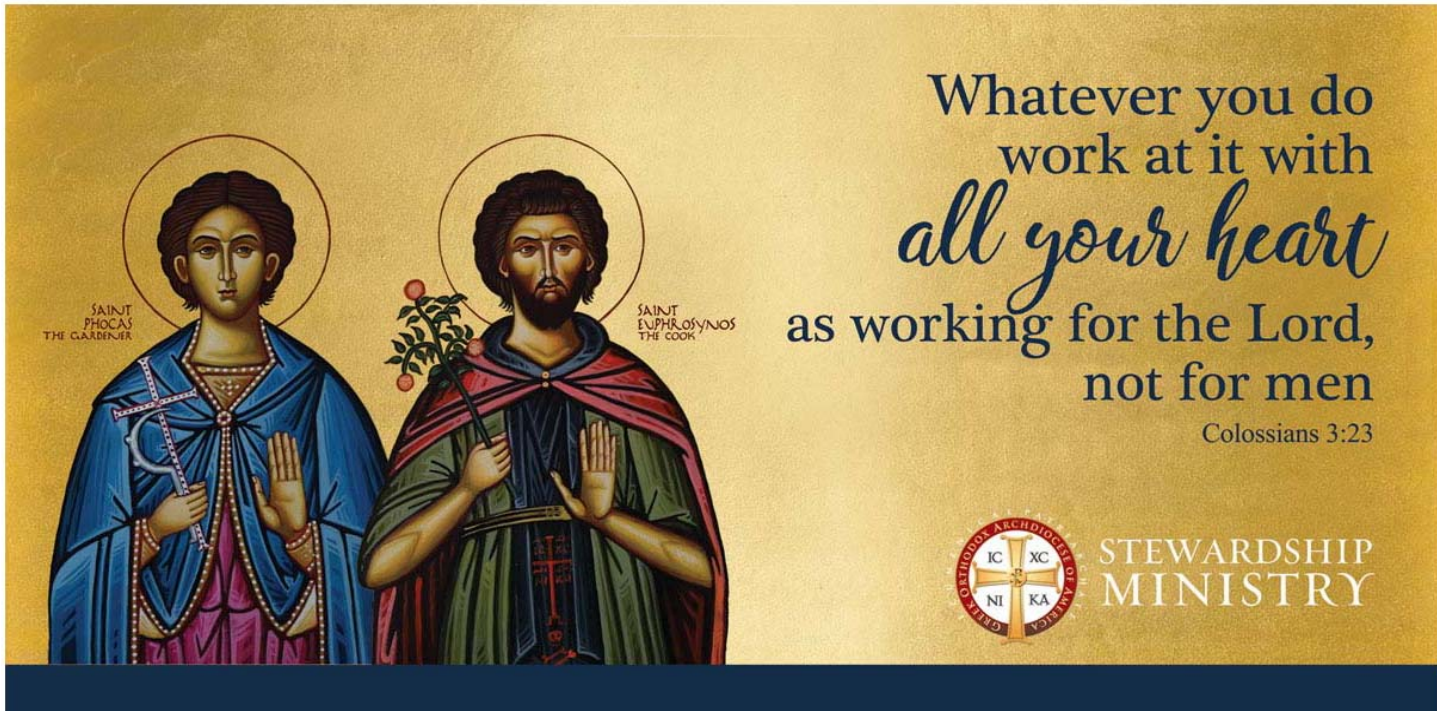
Building Faith, Family and Future Campaign Update

Total Building Faith, Family and Future Commitments: \$ 2,837,297.91

Total Building Faith, Family and Future Commitments Collected to Date: \$ 2,443,837.31

We currently have 215 families who have made three-year commitments towards the Building Fund. Total amount pledged is \$2,837,297.91. Please prayerfully consider making a commitment today and become part of this monumental moment in the history of Assumption. The campaign began in February of 2015 and concludes March of 2018. To give online, please visit our page: www.assumptionaz.org/stewardship.

Let us give thanks to God for these wonderful blessings!



DID YOU KNOW?

- Offerings can be made through our website! To start giving, find the "Give Online" button at the bottom of the homepage.
- You can submit your stewardship form online at assumptionaz.org/stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT 2018

In gratitude for God's blessing, I/we commit to Christ and His Church the amount of \$_____ for 2018.

Name _____
 Orthodox Christian
 Phone _____
 (home/cell/work) Unlisted
 Second Phone _____
 (home/cell/work) Unlisted
 Email _____
 Occupation _____

Name _____
 Orthodox Christian
 Phone _____
 (home/cell/work) Unlisted
 Second Phone _____
 (home/cell/work) Unlisted
 Email _____
 Occupation _____

Children (under 18)

Name _____	DOB _____	Name _____	DOB _____
Name _____	DOB _____	Name _____	DOB _____
Name _____	DOB _____	Name _____	DOB _____

Please check here if your address is different from 2017

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Check here if you would like to *Go Green* and receive the monthly *Orthodox Oasis* digitally.

Get Involved

Missions & Outreach Office Volunteer Finances & Fundraising Youth Other _____

2018 REGISTERED STEWARDS

The names listed below represent those whose 2018 pledge cards have been received. If you have marked a donation as stewardship and are not listed below, we welcome you to fill out a pledge card and then contact the parish office.

Agnos, Christ & Christine	Dungan, Richard & Dorothy	Manchen, Charles & Pamela	Shraiky, Hanadi
Agra, Catherine	Egnash, Rodney	Maniatis, Bette	Sideris, Nikolaos & Maria
Aleck, Kyriekcos & Mary Lou	Eliades, Nick & Angie	Maniatis, Maria	Sioles, Robert & Donna
Anastos, Nick & Athena	Elias, George	Maniatis, Mary	Sisson, Angelica
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April 2018

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April 1 8am: Matins 9:10am: Point of Renewal 9:30am: Liturgy 12pm: Tsoureki Sale 12pm: Luncheon 6:30pm: Bridegroom Service + Palm Sunday	April 2 8:30am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 4pm: Family Meal Outreach 6:30pm: Bridegroom Service + Holy Monday	April 3 8:30am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm: Bridegroom Service + Holy Tuesday	April 4 8:30am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 3pm: Holy Unction 7pm: Holy Unction + Holy Wednesday	April 5 8am: Liturgy 6:30pm: Passion Service (Twelve Gospels) + Holy Thursday	April 6 8:30am: Royal Hours 9:45am: Holy Friday Retreat 3pm: Un-Nailing Service 6:30pm: Lamentations Service + Holy Friday	April 7 9am: First Resurrection Liturgy 11pm: Great Canon of Pascha Midnight: Liturgy of Pascha + Holy Saturday
April 8 11am: Agape Vespers + Great and Holy Pascha	April 9 8:30am: Liturgy 6pm: Byzantine Chant Class 7:30pm: Adult Greek Dance Offices Closed	April 10 8:30am: Liturgy	April 11 8:30am: Liturgy 9:30am-1pm: Bookstore	April 12 8:30am: Liturgy 7pm: Philoptochos General Meeting	April 13 8:30am: Liturgy 9:30am: Moms & Tots	April 14 9am: Loving Life +50 at Singh Meadow Farms 10am: Liturgy at Lake Havasu (Fr. Andrew)
April 15 8am: Matins 9:10am: Point of Renewal 9:30am: Liturgy	April 16 6pm: Byzantine Chant Class 6pm: Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm: Adult Greek Dance	April 17	April 18 9am-1pm: Bookstore 10am: Bible Study	April 19 7pm: Young Adult Forum 7pm: Women's Bookclub	April 20 6:30pm: Crab Feast	April 21 7:30am: Walk for Missions at Kiwanis Park, Tempe 10am: Liturgy at Lake Havasu (Fr. Jeffrey) 11am: Baptism 2-4:5pm: Wedding
April 22 8am: Matins 9:10am: Point of Renewal 9:30am: Liturgy	April 23 8:30am: Liturgy 6pm: Byzantine Chant Class 7:30pm: Adult Greek Dance + St. George	April 24	April 25 9am-1pm: Bookstore 10am: Bible Study 6pm: Sr. COYA Forum	April 26	April 27 12:30pm: Moms & Tots	April 28 3pm: Wedding
April 29 8am: Matins 9:10am: Point of Renewal 9:30am: Liturgy 1pm: Baptism	April 30 6pm: Byzantine Chant Class 7:30pm: Adult Greek Dance	May 1 8:30am: Liturgy	May 2 9am-1pm: Bookstore 10am: Bible Study	May 3 7pm: Young Adult Forum	May 4 5:30pm: First Fridays	May 5 10am: Spirit Fest

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