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## ASSUMPTION

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## From Father: Managing the Ministry of Christ

**E**very church community is called to fulfill and make present the ministry of Christ on earth. In order to assist parishes in fulfilling this call, the Greek Orthodox communities are administered according to the uniform parish Regulations. With the challenge of managing our new campus along with the increased activities, the Parish Council is in the process of creating opportunities for expanding parishioner involvement in ministry leadership.



One area, for example, is the challenge of how to provide the same type of Sunday hospitality (i.e. more than just coffee and cookies) in light of the increase of parishioners staying after services. For the past twenty-three years, our Philoptochos has coordinated this hospitality with families hosting each week. The Parish Council is exploring the adoption of a new organizational structure that will meet the needs of providing hospitality for the 150-plus people who are now staying after Church each week for fellowship. One idea is to create a “Hospitality Ministry Team” (independent of Philoptochos) that is dedicated to administering this ministry with parishioners who want to serve the parish in this capacity. Other examples include Building & Facilities, the Café, Outreach & Evangelism, and Event planning. Each Ministry Team would function under a Ministry Leader and be comprised of team members who would work in cooperation with the Parish Council.



The good news is that this will expand the involvement of parishioners in the total administration of parish ministries. The new opportunities to serve are vast, and the organizational structure will work in harmony with the current structure in place. The uniform parish Regulations (available at [goarch.org](http://goarch.org)) define the roles and relationships between the parish leadership, the priest, parish council members and parishioners:

“The Priest as head of the Parish, by virtue of the ecclesiastical authority vested in him, shall guide and oversee the Parish. The Priest together with the Parish Council is responsible to the respective Hierarch for the whole life and activities of his Parish. Each Parish shall be

administered by the Priest and Parish Council cooperatively. All committees or boards of the Parish...shall be under the jurisdiction of the Priest and Parish Council (Regulations).”

The Regulations also define the specific role of the Parish Council as follows:

- A. Assist the Priest in the administration of the affairs and ministries of the Parish;
- B. Establish the appropriate committees, including but not limited to Stewardship, Finance, Fundraising, Planning and Real Estate committees;
- C. Utilize the Stewardship material provided by the Archdiocese to implement and expand the Parish Stewardship program and ministries;
- D. Prepare budgets for the Parish’s administration and ministries and collect the revenue of the Parish;
- E. Provide for the Priest's remuneration and benefits in accordance with the Clergy Compensation

Plan of the Archdiocese;

F. Provide financing for the salaries of the Parish personnel;

G. Provide financial resources for the Parish's administration and for the Parish's spiritual, educational and other ministries and expenses;

H. Buy, sell or mortgage Parish property, subject to the approval of the Parish Assembly and the provisions of these Regulations;

I. Provide for payments and assessments for support of the Archdiocese as fixed by the Congresses;

J. Submit to the respective Hierarch and the Archdiocese, at the end of each year, the financial statement of the Parish for that year (certified by the Parish's Board of Auditors) and the Parish budget for the ensuing year;

K. Submit annual Parish profile reports that may be required by the Archdiocese and the respective Archdiocesan District/Metropolis



Many parishes in the Archdiocese are adopting a "Council of Ministries" approach to expanding parishioner involvement in the life of the Church. Adapting a version of the "Council of Ministries" that is compatible with our community is under consideration by the Parish Council. One definition of a Council of Ministries:

"A Council of Ministries is established by the Priest and the Parish Council and is tasked with supporting current ministries and facilitating the process of establishing new ministries based on initiatives and needs of the community. The Council of Ministries is a vehicle for communication, recruitment, and accountability among ministries and the Priest and Parish Council. The Council of Ministries strives to help church members match their gifts and passions with the ministries best suited to use of those gifts and passions for the glory of God."

The new facilities have lifted the spirit of community at Assumption in exciting new ways. The enthusiasm of new families has been God sent energy that is a continuous witness to the presence of Christ providing everything needed to make His ministry present and fulfilled through our humble efforts. Offer your talents, get involved, volunteer and serve one another to the glory of God!

Your co-worker in Christ,

  
Father Andrew

# Philoptochos



Our Monthly meetings will resume on a regular schedule on **Thursday, February 8**. We will meet on the first Thursday each month at 7pm at the Community Center. A typical meeting goes for no more than an hour and ends with some time to socialize with friends.

## Vasilopita Sale

The ladies of Philoptochos have been busy planning their 2018 events. Our first event of 2018 is our Vasilopita Sale. If you enjoy baking and would like to contribute Vasilopitas to be sold after liturgy on Sunday,

January 7.

## Membership Luncheon

Please join us for a complimentary luncheon at the Assumption Community Center on Saturday, January 20, at 11am. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and also join or renew your membership for 2018. Reservations can be made by emailing [philoptochos@assumptionaz.org](mailto:philoptochos@assumptionaz.org) or by calling Angie Eliades at (480) 314 - 4485. Did you know that men can be Associate Members? As an Associate Member, you help support all of our worthy causes. You will be notified of all events and volunteer opportunities.

## Crab Feast

Due to permitting and scheduling conflicts, our annual Crab Feast will be held later in 2018 than usual. Please stay tuned for updates.

St. Barbara Philoptochos

# Membership Luncheon



Saturday, January 20, 2017 at 11am

*Mark your calendars for fellowship and fun. Invite a friend and join us in our new community center for a complimentary lunch. Please consider joining us in the charitable work we do. We will be accepting membership for 2018.*

*RSVP to Angie Eliades  
480-236-8225 or [philoptochos@assumptionaz.org](mailto:philoptochos@assumptionaz.org)*

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# Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Saint Barbara Chapter 2018 Philoptochos Membership Stewardship

- 2018 Philoptochos Member-Steward Application  
 2018 Philoptochos Associate\*-Steward Application

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stewardship Pledge-Per Capita National & Metropolis Membership

Membership is open to all women (and men) over 18 years of age who are of the Orthodox faith. Financial commitment to membership shall be fulfilled on a Fair Share Christian Stewardship basis. Each Chapter is committed to send financial support of \$15 to National Philoptochos and \$15 per member to our Metropolis Philoptochos. All donations over \$30 directly support our St. Barbara Chapter.

___ St. Barbara Stewardship(Suggested Donation \$25 More)	\$ _____
___ National \$15 Metropolis \$15 Per-Capita – Required	\$ <u>  30  </u>

Please make donations payable to: St. Barbara Philoptochos Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail to: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Attn: Philoptochos  
 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Area of Interest:

___ Outreach	___ Kids 'n Cancer Camp Agape	___ Visitations
___ Fundraising	___ Food/Clothing Drive	___ Special Events
___ Baking/Bake Sales	___ Social Hour	Other _____

\*Qualification for Associate Member/Steward (non-voting) 1.An Orthodox man 2.A non-Orthodox man, married to an Orthodox woman 3. A non-Orthodox woman, married to an Orthodox man.

Amt. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

## Women's Book Club

**T**he Assumption Women's Book Club meets once each month to discuss a wide variety of books.

This month's gathering will be **Thursday, January 18, at 7pm**. Our book of the month is *Beneath the Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.

For more information, please contact Presvytera Andrea: [presandrea@yahoo.com](mailto:presandrea@yahoo.com).



## Family Meal Outreach

**J**oin 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, January 1, from 4pm to 6:30pm!** For further information, or to get involved, please feel free to contact Tina Jones at [tkanelos@gmail.com](mailto:tkanelos@gmail.com), or check out the Society of St Vincent de Paul's website, here: <http://www.stvincentdepaul.net/>.

## Loving Life +50

**P**lease join us for a hike on **January 20, 2018** at McDowell Sonoran Preserve Gateway Trail head: *18333 N Thompson Peak Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85255*.

There are several options for hiking, some easy (there is desert self guided hike showcasing the local plants in the area) and some more difficult. We will split into two groups to offer both options. Afterwards we will gather right down the road at Breakfast Joynt (*10101 E Bell Rd #107*). We will plan on actively hiking for approximately one hour, weather permitting. We will have breakfast around 10am to 10:30am, so please plan accordingly.

**Plan on being at entrance of the Park at 8:30am.** Make sure to bring water and wear sturdy hiking shoes if you plan a moderate or advanced hike—the terrain can be rocky. For more information on the park go to <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/preserve/trail-maps>

For more information about this ministry, please contact Helen Noplos: 480-991-3473 or [hnoplos@aol.com](mailto:hnoplos@aol.com).

# 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](http://assumptionaz.org/bookofneeds), or call the parish office.

- Item #1 - 22' stainless steel Commercial Hood & stainless venting \$69,000
- Item #16 - Steam Table/Server Counter for Hot Food \$3,500
- Item #17 - Fryer \$3,000
- Item #20 A, B, & C - Three Stainless Steel Work Tables \$2,000 each
- Item #21 A, B, & C - Three Prep Sink & Table \$2,000 each
- Item #35 - "Buy Your Seat At The Table" Includes chair & setting \$250 each (394 Available | 4 Sold)
- Item #37 - Buy a chair in the classroom includes tables \$150 each (104 Available | 16 Sold)
- Item #38 A, B, & C - Display Shelving for Bookstore \$5,000 each (3 Available)
- Item #39 - Built-in file cabinets and shelving for Father's office \$2,500 each (3 Available | 1 Sold)
- Item #42 - Deli Case for Café \$6,000

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](mailto: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](mailto:office@assumptionaz.org).*

## Moms, Pops, 'N' Tots

If you are the parent(s) of a child/children ages newborn to four years old, join our Moms, Pops, 'N' Tots group every other Friday morning at **9:30 am** at Assumption Church! This month, they will meet **January 12 & 26**.



For those wishing to get involved, please contact Jennifer Lopez: [jjlopez0221@gmail.com](mailto:jjlopez0221@gmail.com). And for more information regarding this Metropolis program, please feel free to click on the following: <http://sfstrategicplan.net/momspopstots/>.

## First Fridays

For all parents and Jr. GOYA, JOY, & HOPE youth (grades K-8), our next First Fridays will be on **Friday, February 2!**

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

Please feel free to contact our youth director with any questions or to get involved: [youth@assumptionaz.org](mailto:youth@assumptionaz.org).

## Sr. GOYA



Sr GOYA Forum will next meet on **Wednesday evening, January 24, at 6 pm!**

The Sr GOYA of Assumption Church is an extension of our community's broad youth and young adult ministry. Serving all teenagers 9th-12th grade, this ministry provides youth with opportunities to participate in worship, volunteer and engage in philanthropic activities, and grow their Orthodox Christian faith.

To learn more about Assumption's high school/Sr GOYA youth ministry, please click on the following link: [assumptionaz.org/youth/](http://assumptionaz.org/youth/), or contact our church office directly at (480) 991-3009.

## Greek Dance

Please join us on **Sunday, February 4**, after Liturgy for our annual Soup and Salad fundraiser. All groups will be performing and showcasing their talents. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and may be purchased at the door.

For more information, please contact Joanne Lewandowski: [greekdance@assumptionaz.org](mailto:greekdance@assumptionaz.org).



# Crossroad Institute



**E**xperience ten days in either Boston or Chicago where you will: explore your vocation, make life-long friendships, encounter service in a new way, and take theology and scripture courses with top professors.

All Orthodox high school juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for this summer program hosted by Holy Cross and Hellenic College. There are multiple sessions ranging from June 16 to July 31.

Applications are due February 1, 2018. For more information and to apply, go to: [crossroadinstitute.org](http://crossroadinstitute.org).

# AHEPA



## AHEPA Chapter 219

### **Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners**

(In Alphabetical Order)

- ◆ Anastasios Annos
- ◆ Matthew Dye
- ◆ Nicole Johnson
- ◆ Alyssa Lemere
- ◆ Abigail Paslidis
- ◆ Alexandra Paslidis
- ◆ David Salzetti

#### **Next AHEPA 219**

**Meeting:**

**Thursday**

**January 18,**

**2018**

**6:30pm**

**Holy Trinity**

**Greek Orthodox**

**Cathedral**

**James A. Speros**

**Community**

**Center**

Membership Info:

Pete Marudas

602-284-1638



## FAITH & FELLOWSHIP SERIES

The Gospel According to John, Part 2

**Tuesdays | January 9 - February 13, 2018**

A six week study for anyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Church

January 9 | January 16 | January 23  
January 30 | February 6 | February 13

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

For more information contact our parish  
office: 480-991-3009 or  
office@assumptionaz.org

## Project Mexico



**T**hese spots are going to go quickly! Sign up now! For all parents, high school youth, and young adults, this July 27-August 2, Assumption Church will be returning to St Innocent Orphanage to participate in Project Mexico!

Spots are limited and are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis. In order to reserve your spot, please first contact Assumption's church office directly, or reach out to our youth director at [youth@assumptionaz.org](mailto:youth@assumptionaz.org), and then submit a \$100 deposit to "Assumption

Church" (8202 East Cactus Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, 85260), for our "2018 Project Mexico Trip". Your spot is not reserved until we have received your \$100 deposit. Once we receive your deposit we'll contact you! The total cost for this trip is approximately \$620, which we typically raise annually through fundraising.

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



## Angel Tree

I have had the privilege of assisting in the Angel Tree ministry for over twenty years. I say "assist" because God provides every year through you and your generous donations. The loving touch of the beautifully wrapped packages and the time taken to find that "perfect" gift do not go unnoticed. I think this year was a record year of abundance. Your donations were able to provide a bright Christmas for those families in the Alhambra, Issac, and Scottsdale school districts. Some of our very own Assumption families were assisted, as well. Your kindness humbles me every year and I am most grateful for all that you do.

Thank you to all who participated, and especially to Mary Deffigos for your help in this beautiful endeavor!

In Christ,  
Tammy Belt

## Young Adult Orthodox Forum

The Orthodox Forum will meet on **Thursday evenings, January 4 & 18, 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 meets twice monthly on Thursday evenings, from 7-9 pm. For more information regarding this ministry, please contact Assumption's youth director at [youth@assumptionaz.org](mailto:youth@assumptionaz.org).

## Metropolis Young Adult Winter Retreat

Join young adults from all over our Metropolis President's Day Weekend for this beautiful retreat, located on a private beach on the shore of Lake Tahoe with spectacular views, incredible food, and awesome accommodations! Not to mention, we have a weekend packed full of fun, faith, and fellowship! Also, our very own Jacob Saylor will be the guest speaker.



The weekend will take place at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center from February 16 to 19. Arrival time is Friday beginning at 5:30pm, and departure will be Monday at 10:30am. Registration is \$250, which covers three nights of lodging and all meals except lunch on Saturday and Sunday (those days are spent exploring Lake Tahoe).

Travel from airports will be coordinated.

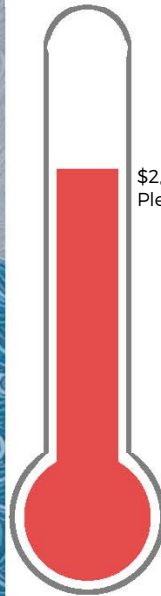
For more information and to register, please visit [gosfyouth.org](http://gosfyouth.org).

# Campaign Commitment

HAVE YOU STEPPED OUT IN FAITH?  
JOIN US!



\$3,500,000 Goal



\$2,747,497  
Pledged

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

+ Deceased

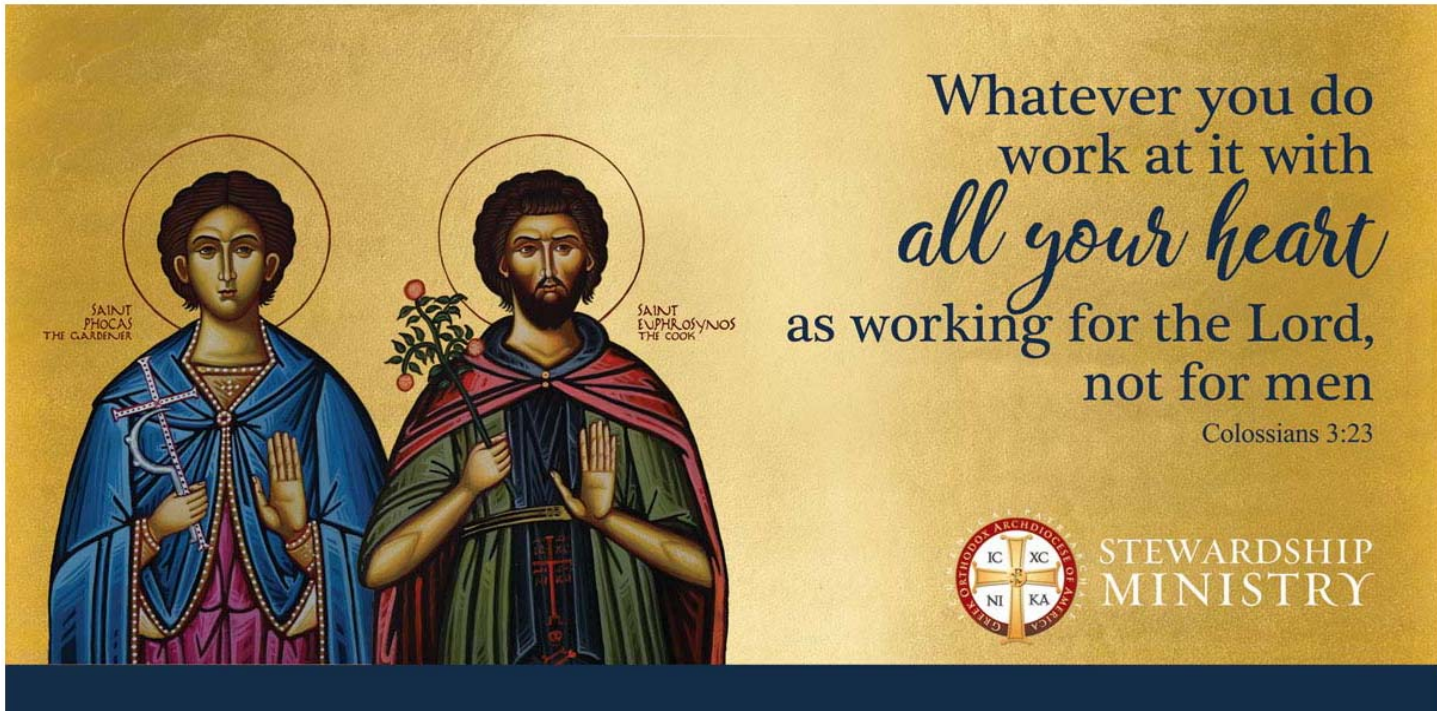
## Building Faith, Family and Future Campaign Update

Total Building Faith, Family and Future Commitments: \$ 2,747,497.91

Total Building Faith, Family and Future Commitments Collected to Date: \$ 2,291,308.35

We currently have 214 families who have made three-year commitments towards the Building Fund. Total amount pledged is \$2,747,497.91. 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](http://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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

# THOSE THAT SEEK THE LORD SHALL NEVER BE IN WANT OF ANY GOOD THING

## 2017 REGISTERED STEWARDS

The names listed below represent those whose 2017 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	Liakas, Nicholas & Katherine	Sampanes, John
Agnos, Kosta & Erin	Egnash, Rodney	Logan, Stacy & Ginger	Sarigiannides/Bekos, Lazaros & Ageliki
Agra, Catherine	Eliades, Nick & Angie	Lopez, Julian & Jennifer	Saylor, Jacob & Jordan
Aguilera, Jose & Lorena	Elias, George	Lucia, Charleen	Serelis, Helen
Aleck, Kyriackos & Mary Lou	Evangelides, Chris & Sophie	Macroglou, Elaine	Sgouros, George & Traci
Amanatidis, Laz & Popy	Exline, Christopher & Elizabeth	Makridis, Takis & Vanessa	Shewmaker, Adrienne
Anastos, Nick & Athena	Floor, Mary	Maloley, George & Sharon	Shewmaker, Douglass & Juliet
Apostolatos / Knadjian, Maria & Artin	Floor, Timothy & Karla	Manchen, Charles & Pamela	Shewmaker, William "Alex"
Argyropoulos, Ann	Fotias, Theodore & Evangeline	Maniatis, Bette	Shraiky, Hanadi
Argyros, Apostolos	Fountotos, George	Maniatis, Mary	Sideris, Nikolaos & Maria
Asay, Lavinia	Francis, Andrew	Manley / Phillips, Michael & Lea	Simmons, Rosalyn Maria Ort
Ashby, Ennis & Sophia	Francis, Katherine	Manos, Anna	Sioles, Robert & Donna
Athanasopoulos, George & Vasso	Gallios, Angela	Manos, George & Peter	Sisson, Angelica
Barakos, John + & Eva	Gallo, Frantzeska	Manos, Michelle	Sisson, Rocky & Connie
Barakos, Rev. Fr. Andrew & Pres. Andrea	Gambaccini, David & Marta	Marmas, Gregory & Susan	Smith, Derek
Barker, Shawn & Michelle	Garrison, Thomas & Tanya	Maroulis, Spiro & Christine	Smith, Harley & Helen
Bartol, Lee & Ann	Gavras, Chris & Anne	Mavrikos, Irene	Solomon, Constantin & Mirella
Bass, Chris & Lauren Janiec	Coumas, Kostas & Stavroula and Greg	Maydanis, Pamela	Solomon, Sally
Bass, Dean	Govas, James & Popi	Maydanis, Peter & Christina	Sommerschield, Scott & Eleni
Belisle, Nancy +	Grubor, Mylan & Joanne	McNamara, Ed & Andrea	Sotos, George & Diane
Belt, Tammy	Hakim, Abby	Mellas, Alexander	Spelius, George & Mindy
Beratis, Lou & Judie	Harris, Diana	Mellas, Nicholas & Georgia	Speropoulos, Cookie
Bergquist, John & Elaine	Harris, Robert & Dawn	Mellas, Pete & Vanessa	Speropoulos, Frieda
Bill, Daniel & Melisa	Hellwig, Amelia	Metanias, Andrew & Joanne	Speros, Jim & Kim
Bissias, George & Mary Ann	Hiras, Mary	Mihailidis, Nicholas & Irene	Stamas, James & Laurie
Bogues, James & Joyce	Hiras/Fountis, Michael & Sophia	Miliotis, Chris	Stamatakis, Josephine
Botis, Georgia	Houpis, Maria	Millstine, John & Denise	Stamatis, Andrew & Christine
Boudreaux, Clent & Soula	Hubbard, Diane & Steven	Mitchell, Delores	Stamos, Carol
Bourdamis, James & Hilda	Hultstrom, Juliana	Moschonas, Constantine & Debbie	Stathas, Achilles & Janet
Bouras / Nagel, Gica & Remy	Hyduke, Stephen & Robin	Musat, Bogdan & Anamaria	Stehling, Linda
Bowman, Elaine	Ioannou, John & Coralia	Nakhla, Susie	Stell, Dennis & Estelle
Braskett, Diana	Issichopoulos, Connie	Nassos, Marc & Terah	Stephenson, Sean & Stephanie
Brewer, Deborah	Jasmer, David & Alice	Neckopoulos, Nick & Bettie	Stuck, Roy & Maria
Brown, Mark & Alyssa	Johnson, Daniel & Nicole	Nemer, Donald & Lorraine	Syregelas, Christopher & Angela
Burke / Gonos, Tom & Joanna	Jones, Kevin & Tina	New, William & Sonia	Syregelas, Ted & Angela
Burton, Dean & Mary	Jones, Rita H	New, Toula +	Talos, Cosmin & Ramona
Carres, Jimmy & Margarita	Kalivas, James & Linda	Nicholson, George & Mariam Able	Tambakeras, Markos & Pamela
Catarig, Dumitru & Angela	Kalivas, Laurie & Mr. Robert Gibney	Nicolopoulos, Chris & Lee	Tavarides, Nickolette
Catsadimas, Sotera	Kallonas, Marika	Nicolopoulos, Kathy	Theodorou, Anna
Catsoules, Nick	Kalomas, George	Nicolopoulos, Pauline	Theoharatos, Constantino & Karen
Chandiles, Eva	Kalomas, Helen	Nicols, Paula	Thliveris, Tom & Beth
Chirbas, Bessie	Kantaros, Nick & Dena	Noplos, Mary	Thomas, Jim
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Cole, Scott & Maggie	Kariotoglou, Rick & Anna	Palivos, George	Torre, Henry & Lina
Columbus, Diane	Karraz, Antonios & Bonnie	Pandi, Alex & Toni	Tripsas, Trifon & Georgia
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Contos, Olivia	Kingsley, Harrison	Papadopoulos, Anthony & Sandra	Tsikitas, Andrea
Contos, Pete & Elizabeth	Kircos, Spiro	Papadopoulos, George & Chrysoula	Tsikitas, Frank & Georgia
Costanzo, Samuel & Kris	Kircos, William & Meghan	Pappas, DeLaine	Tsokas, Kathy & Panayote
Cox, Bobby & Margie	Kireopoulos, Christopher	Pappas, Effie	Tucker, Marvin & Eleni
Craig, Michael & Christina	Kireopoulos, Louis & Maura	Parides, George & Dorothy	Tuman, Walter & Helena
Dalianes, Thanos & Marguerite	Kireopoulos, Steve & Jennie	Parides, Nitsa	Tutelman, Maria
Dandas, Gus	Kobs, Kenneth & Sophia	Pasisis, George & Vicky	Tzavaras, Thomas & Bessie
Danno, Donny & Lindsey	Kockinis, David & Maria	Pasisis, Ted & Fotini	Unks, Ray & Dee
David, Jack & Shannon	Koines, Nick & Vickie	Paterakis, George & Kirsten	Valos, John & Georgia
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Davis, Voula	Brocamante	Pavlakos, Paul & Demetra	Von Topfer, Rosemarie & Skandalis,
Deffigos, John & Mary	Kosmitis, Thomas & Harriet	Pearson, Robert Jeremiah	Konstantinos +
Delaportas, Susanna	Koss, Richard & Mary Ann	Peccia, Jessica	Vouniozos, Helen
Demeris, Theodore & Pamela	Kossaras, George & Lia	Pena, Elenitsa	Weiss/ Demogenes, Ed & Stephanie
Demetropoulos, John & Mary	Kostas, John & Maria	Perna, Rocco & Harriet	Wilder, Kevin & Tina
Demetruilas, George & Janis	Kotsovos, Nick & Georgia	Petropoulos, Bill & Gkigkis Afroditi	Wrasman, Brent & Cynthia
Demogenes, Steve	Kotsovos, Spiros & Krista	Petrou, Nektaria	Wright, Athena
Diamantopoulos, John & Angie	Koufidakis, Philip & Angela	Petrus, Shawn	Yannakopoulos, George & Helen
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# ASSUMPTION

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

## January 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>December 31</b> 8am: Matins 9:30am: Liturgy 7pm: New Year's Eve Gala	<b>January 1</b> 10am: Liturgy 4pm: Family Meal Outreach at St. Vincent de Paul	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 3</b> 9am-1pm: Bookstore	<b>January 4</b> 7pm: Young Adult Forum	<b>January 5</b> 8:30am: Royal Hours 3:30pm: Vespers Liturgy	<b>January 6</b> 8:30am: Matins 9:30am: Liturgy 10:30am: Blessing of the Waters +Holy Theophany
<b>January 7</b> 8am: Matins 9:30am: Liturgy 12pm: Vasilopita Sale	<b>January 8</b>	<b>January 9</b> 6:30pm: Faith & Fellowship	<b>January 10</b> 9am-1pm: Bookstore 10am: Bible Study	<b>January 11</b> <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>FD</b>	<b>January 12</b> 9:30am: Moms, Pops, 'N' Tots <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>FD</b>	<b>January 13</b> 8:30am: Loving Life +50 at McDowell Sonoran Preserve Gateway Trailhead <b>FD</b>
<b>January 14</b> 8am: Matins 9:30am: Liturgy <b>FD</b>	<b>January 15</b> <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>FD</b>	<b>January 16</b> 6:30pm: Faith & Fellowship	<b>January 17</b> 8:30am: Liturgy 9:30am-1pm: Bookstore 10am: Bible Study + St. Anthony	<b>January 18</b> 7pm: Women's Book Club 7pm: Young Adult Forum	<b>January 19</b>	<b>January 20</b> 10am: Liturgy at Havasu (Fr. Jeffrey) 11am: Philoptochos Membership Lunch
<b>January 21</b> 8am: Matins 9:20am: Point of Renewal 9:30am: Liturgy	<b>January 22</b>	<b>January 23</b> 6:30pm: Faith & Fellowship	<b>January 24</b> 9am-1pm: Bookstore 10am: Bible Study 6pm: Sr. GOYA	<b>January 25</b> 8:30am: Liturgy	<b>January 26</b> 9:30am: Moms, Pops, 'N' Tots	<b>January 27</b> 10am: Liturgy at Havasu (Fr. Andrew)
<b>January 28</b> 8am: Matins 9:20am: Point of Renewal 9:30am: Liturgy 12pm: Mochas for Missions	<b>January 29</b>	<b>January 30</b> 6:30pm: Faith & Fellowship	<b>January 31</b> 9am-1pm: Bookstore	<b>February 1</b> 7pm: Young Adult Forum	<b>February 2</b> 5:30pm: First Fridays	<b>February 3</b>

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# SpiritFest

We are looking for volunteers this spring to participate in this beautiful ministry. This event is multi-faceted, and we are looking to give anyone and everyone an opportunity to offer his or her talents.

*Church Tours | Bookstore | Lectures | Music  
Food & Refreshments | Bake Sale | Children's Activities*

*To participate in this ministry, please contact the parish office:  
(480) 991-3009 or [office@assumptionaz.org](mailto:office@assumptionaz.org)*