



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

Transfiguring Times

Thursday, March 5, 2026

The Rector's Metamorpho-News

Dearly transfigured people of God,

Acts 8:14-17 "When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." From the time of the apostles, the bishops of the church, or their authorized representatives, have laid hands over the baptized so that they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I was confirmed (chrismated) in 2007. Confirmation is also called "chrismation," especially by the Greek Orthodox Church,

because the sacramental rite confers the gift of the Holy Spirit through anointing with oil. "Chrism" comes from the Greek word, "chrisma," meaning "anointing" or "unction." Hopefully, you can see the connection to "Christ," which means "the anointed one." Through confirmation (or chrismation), we become anointed and sealed by the Holy Spirit given to us by Christ.

Lent is the traditional time in which the "catechumens," those learning about the Christian faith and preparing for baptism and confirmation, would learn about the faith in preparation for Easter. Beginning next Thursday, March 11 at 10:00 am (in-person) and 6:00 pm (Zoom), we are inviting you to participate in our Catechism course. This course is designed for everyone, from long-time/lifelong Episcopalians to brand new seekers wanting to be baptized. The course is different every year, while focusing on the same essentials, to be edifying for our regular Bible Study participants and new participants alike. If you or someone you love is wanting to be baptized, confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in their faith, you are invited to join us. After completing the catechism course, participants are invited to sign up for the scheduled Diocesan Confirmation and Receptions services with Bishop Jennifer. If you are unsure whether you would be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in faith, please speak to me.

Blessings,

Fr. Caleb



A Baptism at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Douglas, AZ

Fr. Caleb deeply values the connection with the members of our congregation and welcomes your input. Whether it's through office or home visits, phone calls, or email, he is here for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any needs, or concerns, or simply want to chat.

This Weekend

Sunday, March 8, 2026

[Third Sunday in Lent](#)

8:00am Rite I (spoken contemplative service, approximately 1 hour)

Please see the Order of Worship in the pews or [click here](#)

10:00am Rite II (choir service, approximately 1 hour 15 minutes)

Please see the Order of Worship in the pews or [click here](#)

[YouTube](#) link (for streaming the 10:00am service)

OR

[Facebook](#) link (for streaming the 10:00am service)

Please join us after each service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee/tea, snacks and conversation.

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Food Collection

Superstition Community Food Bank Collected Weekly

Suggested donations for this week are:
canned meat and peanut butter. For next
week: canned vegetable, instant potatoes and
rice. You can place your donations in the
basket at the back of the church or in the bin
in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming Up

The Week Ahead at Transfiguration

Tuesday, March 10

8:30am Walking on Tuesday

9:00am Lord's Soup Kitchen

4:30pm Vestry Meeting

7:00pm Compline

Wednesday, March 11

9:30am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Compline

Thursday, March 12

10:00am Bible Study & Coffee
Hour

11:45am Thursday Morning
Eucharist

1:00pm Stitchery Ministry

6:00pm Catechism: Episcopalian
101

7:00pm Compline

Sunday, March 15

8:00am Sunday Service

10:00am Sunday Service w/music



Secret Prayer Sister Sign-Up

Forms due by Saturday, March 21

We are gathering names for the next Secret Prayer Sister cycle. Forms are available in the Narthex or from Barbara Press. If interested, please take one and complete it, email it, mail it or bring it to the church office by March 21. In early 2027, those participating will gather for the unveiling of their Secret Sister.



Lenten Collection

Sunday, February 22 - Sunday, April 5

Collection Bin in Narthex

Transfiguration Daughters of the King, is collecting the following NEW supplies for the Chaplaincy Department at Phoenix Children's Hospital:

- Bibles
- Electric votive candles (+ batteries)
- Electric pillar candles (+ batteries)
- Different color highlighters
- Kleenex
- Different color pens (blue, black, red)
- New (not used) stuffed animals
- Yellow legal notepads

Please leave your donations in the labeled bin in the Narthex.

Catechism: Episcopalian 101

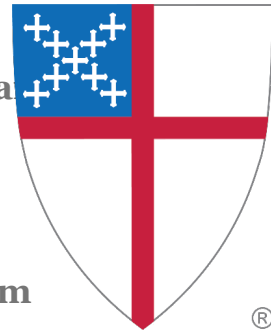
Thursday, March 12 - Thursday, April 16 | 10:00a

During Bible Study & Coffee Hour

Fellowship Hall

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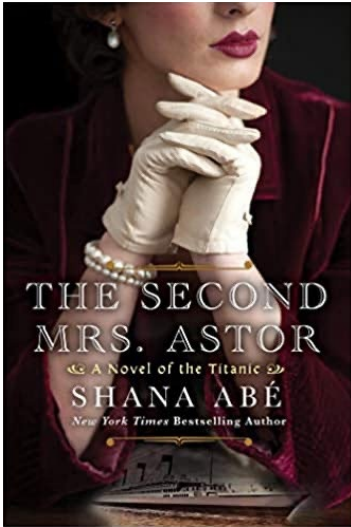
**Thursday, March 12 - Thursday, April 16 | 6:00pm
via Zoom**



Would you like to learn more about being an Episcopalian? Please join us for two options: 1) In person sessions on Thursday mornings during the Bible Study and Coffee Hour or 2) Zoom session on Thursday evenings. You're welcome to attend one, two or all sessions!

Zoom link for the Thursday evening sessions:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84488545184?pwd=8jdB9XE2iNGiJlJmEh9vRkZlDZim8.1>



Book Club

**Friday, March 20 | 10:00am AZ time
via Zoom**

March's Book Club will discuss *The Second Mrs. Astor* by Shana Abe. The discussion leader will be Linda Soper and the Goodreads rating is 3.96. [Click here](#) for the book review.

Perfect for fans of Jennifer Chiaverini and Marie Benedict, this riveting novel takes you inside the scandalous courtship and catastrophic honeymoon aboard the Titanic of the most famous couple of their time—John Jacob Astor and Madeleine Force. Told in rich detail, this novel of sweeping historical fiction will stay with readers long after turning the last page.

Tiptoe Through The Tulips: ECW Spring Luncheon & Style Show

**Saturday, March 21 | 10:00am-2:00pm
Fellowship Hall**

**Please purchase your tickets for this
festive and fun annual event - only**

\$20/each! They are available in the
Fellowship Hall after each service. For more
information, please contact co-chairs [Peg
Wier](#) or [Jo Laslo](#).



HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29TH

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

TENEBRAE

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

6:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND

6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3RD

12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH

7:00 PM

EASTER, SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Icon Painting Workshop Phoenix, Arizona

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

July 20-25, 2026

All Saints of North America Orthodox Church Phoenix, Arizona



Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Virgin Mary icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

The schedule of courses runs daily from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm.

Your tuition fee of \$850 includes all materials including boards, pigments, brushes, etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For information & registration visit the website
theodoreicons.com/phoenix

or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at
theodoreicons@gmail.com

FYI



Blessing of the five sisters at the 8am service this past Sunday.

Birthday Blessings

The following parishioners are celebrating birthdays this week and next:

- Dawn Vernon on 3/6
- Pat Mullins on 3/7
- Barbara Ewert on 3/7
- Garth Seiple on 3/7
- Julie Kiehne-Lamkin on 3/8
- Granville Clark on 3/9
- Annette Whitehead on 3/9
- Deandre Wynn on 3/9



Please wish them a very happy birthday and keep them in your prayers!



Making beautiful Anglican rosaries at Bible Study this past Thursday.



New Torches

Earlier this month we dedicated four new torches for use in our worship services. The Altar Guild would very much appreciate donations to help defray the cost (\$1,100). Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

Worship & Formation



Prayer and Reflection

Sundays | 7:30am and 9:30am

Parish House Chapel

As a Christian community, fellowship and prayer are among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please, observe quietude when entering and exiting the sanctuary for worship so that members may greet one another quietly and also pray and light candles. For those in need of and seeking silence for prayer and reflection, we are opening the Parish House Chapel before each service for prayer. Please observe silence when in the chapel so that this may be a space for those in need of silent prayer and contemplation.

Compline

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays | 7:00pm AZ time
via Zoom**

Compline/Evening Prayer is held via [ZOOM](#). Meeting ID: 740-940-1419.
Passcode: 514 514. Contact Barbara Press with questions at (847) 651-1396.

Morning Prayer

**Wednesdays | 9:30am AZ time
via Zoom**

Please join us via [ZOOM](#) to prayerfully start the day. Meeting ID: 740-940-1419. Passcode: 514 514. Contact Barbara Press at (847) 651-1396 for questions.

Bible Study & Coffee Hour

Thursdays | 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Starting next Thursday, March 12, we will begin the Catechism: Episcopalian 101 program. Please join us!

Morning Eucharist

Thursdays | 11:45am

Parish House Chapel

Please join us in a small group setting as we celebrate Holy Eucharist.

Prayer Requests

Updated Weekly

A list of those on our prayer list is posted in the Narthex. Prayers are offered up at Compline, by the Daughters of the King, and in the Sunday Services. Please contact the [Church Office](#) with your requests and updates.

Ministries



Altar Flowers

Donations requested for weekly arrangements

Altar flowers can be dedicated in honor of special life events such as birthdays and anniversaries, in memory of a loved one or as a general thanksgiving. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please sign-up on the flower sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. [Ruby Seyffert](#) will then reach out to you regarding any special requests. NOTE: During Lent we will pause all flower donations as part of our season of reflection.

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Contact [Barbara Press](#) to volunteer or to learn more.

Episcopal Church Men (ECM)

Tuesday, March 17 | 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall

ECM is for all men at Transfiguration and they socialize and plan upcoming activities at meetings. For questions, please contact John Collins at jartcol98@gmail.com or (480) 406-3121.

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Lord's Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, March 10 | 9:00am

Fellowship Hall Kitchen

In February this group prepared delicious **pasta fagioli** soup that is in the Fellowship Hall freezer. Their dedication continues to bless our community, bringing comfort and kindness with every hearty bowl of soup. Anyone wanting to volunteer for this ministry can join us again in March. For questions please call Miriam Waddington at (559) 707-5810.

Stitchery Ministry

Thursday, March 12 | 1:00pm

Parish House

This group meets the second and fourth Thursday each month to knit, crochet, sew and quilt. In addition to giving to our own members in need, the ministry donates prayer shawls and other hand stitched items to hospitals, nursing homes, shelters and other charitable organizations. No previous experience required - the group can help you learn how to knit,

crochet, etc. Contact [Linda Jo Johnson](#) if you have questions.

Sunday Morning Ministry

8:00am and 10:00am services

We are looking for committed individuals to serve in several very important roles during both Sunday services:

- Acolytes
- Chalice Bearers
- Greeters
- Readers
- Digital Ministry (service streaming)
- Offering Counters

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at (480) 986-1145 or email officetransfig@gmail.com.

Walking on Tuesday

Tuesdays | 8:30am

Apache Junction Library

This group gathers in the parking lot behind the Apache Junction Library, 1177 N. Idaho Road. For no more than one hour, they follow fairly level dirt trails that wander through the desert landscape with a great view of the Superstition Mountains. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring a bottle of water! Contact Lynn Graff if you have any questions at 480-201-2939.

Giving



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Online Giving

Pledging and financial gifts to the Church of The Transfiguration can be made using the following methods:

- For credit card or ACH gifts, you can use the QR code on the back of the weekly bulletin or this link: <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalChurchTransfiguration/Give>
- If you prefer to use Zelle via your banking app, you can find the church via our email address: officetransfig@gmail.com

Planned Giving

Did you know that you can donate to the Transfiguration Endowment Fund today? You don't have to wait to do this until your Last Will & Testament or Trust is executed. To learn more, please [click here](#) for an informational brochure or contact the [Church Office](#).

Financial Report

Click [here](#) to see the Year End Transfiguration financial report (starting on p.

15). Hard copies are also available in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office.

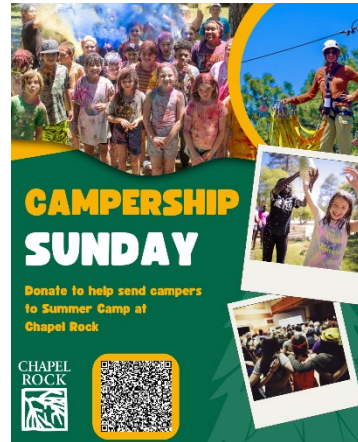
Around the Diocese

Campership Sunday

Sunday, March 8

This Sunday is Campership Sunday throughout the Diocese. Bishop Reddall asks that, on that day, each church and individual member support the Chapel Rock Campership Fund for the benefit of our children and youth.

On average, 60% of our campers require some kind of financial support. Please join us in changing lives and help send children and youth to camp this summer! On March 8th, you can donate through your local church's collection plate or you can donate anytime online at azdiocese.org/campership.





Rosary Group
St. Augustine's, Tempe
Saturdays during Lent | 7:00-7:30pm
via Zoom

In preparation for Sunday, every Saturday evening during Lent, Sr. Lisa-Brigid convenes a group to pray the Mysteries of the Rosary over Zoom. No previous experience with the rosary is necessary, and rosaries are available upon request. If you would like to join, please use this Zoom [link](#).

Diocesan Publication

Please contact the [church office](#) if you would like to receive the *Arizona Episcopalian*, a free quarterly publication from the Diocese. To sign up for the weekly Diocesan email *E-Pistle* click [here](#).



Who We Are



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration is an open and affirming Christian community in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

We acknowledge the living culture of the Salt River Pima and Maricopa people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the unique role they play in the life of this region.

Clergy and Staff

[Fr. John Caleb Collins](#), Rector

Office (480) 986-1145 or Mobile (480) 980-1981 (call or text)

[Janice Scalzo](#), Office Administrator

Tami Root, Music Director

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am – 1pm

Office Volunteers

Anita Joy

Ruby Seyffert

Janet Krahn (schedules the worship service servers)

Juanita Quidera

Office volunteers: Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12noon

Leadership

[Fr. John Caleb Collins](#), Vestry Chair

[Wayne Smith](#), Senior Warden (480) 245-9310

[Tom Kevern](#), Junior Warden
Ron Gurnee, Vestry Member
Anita Joy, Vestry Member
Janet Krahm, Vestry Member
Jo Laslo, Vestry Member
Barbara Press, Vestry Member
Ruby Seyffert, Vestry Member
Sharon Smorynski, Vestry Member
Jane Stoneback, Vestry Member
Doug Wynn, Vestry Member

Social & Digital Ministry

[Thomas Blum](#), Website
[Fr. John Caleb Collins](#), Facebook page
[Mary Hovden](#), Transfiguring Times (please send stories, announcements, photos, etc. to Mary [here](#))
[Peg Wier](#), Sunday worship service streaming

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