



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

Transfiguring Times

Thursday, March 12, 2026

The Rector's Metamorpho-News

Dearly transfigured people of God,

We are now in the season of Lent. Our sanctuary is adorned with purple and we do not use flowers on the regular Sundays of Lent. We are also using Rite I from the *Book of Common Prayer* for the season of Lent during our 8:00 am service. All of these changes, which began with the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, are indeed somber and solemn reflecting the shift in focus from the celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany to the fasting and contemplation of Lent.

However, this change in focus does not mean that it is a season of guilt or self-punishment. The purpose of fasting or giving something up is not to punish but to create an opportunity to fill that space with God and prayer. It is to grow closer to God. Some think that Rite I is used because it is more 'formal' in language. In reality, the archaic language of Rite I uses an informal pronoun to speak to God. In English, 'thou' was, and is though not often used, the second-person singular pronoun for 'you' while 'ye' or 'you' was the plural. Over time, the plural became adopted for both. That's why we can say 'thou' or 'you' to just one person. We speak to God as 'thou' with 'thy' grace because we

have an intimate, close, and familiar relationship with God. Basically, God doesn't want us to call him "Mr. God" or "Ms. God," God wants us to call him God.

Come and see what God is doing to be closer to you, or with thee, this Lent.

Blessings,

Fr. John Caleb+

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 15, 2026

Fourth 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.



Food Collection

Superstition Community Food Bank Collected Weekly

Suggested donations for this week are: canned vegetable, instant potatoes and rice. For next week: canned fruits, puddings and gelatin. 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 17

8:30am Trekking on Tuesday

6:00pm ECM Meeting

7:00pm Compline

Wednesday, March 18

9:30am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Compline

Thursday, March 19

10:00am Catechism: Episcopalian

101

11:45am Thursday Morning

Eucharist

6:00pm Catechism: Episcopalian

101

7:00pm Compline

Friday, March 20

10:00am Book Club

Saturday, March 21

10:00am ECW Spring Luncheon
& Style Show - Tiptoe through the
Tulips

Sunday, March 22

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.

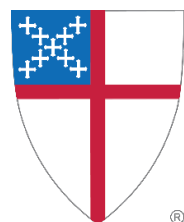
Catechism: Episcopalian 101

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

During Bible Study & Coffee Hour

Fellowship Hall

OR



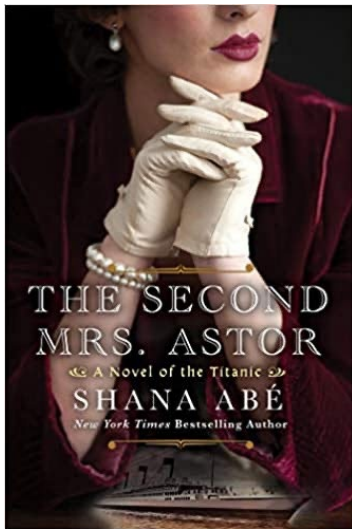
Thursday, March 12 - Thursday, April 16 | 6:00pm

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=8jdB9XE2iNGiJlJmlEh9vRkz1DZim8.1>



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 - just a few tickets left at \$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

Birthday Blessings

The following parishioners are celebrating birthdays this week and next:

- Ron Sparks on 3/12
- Ferdy Sant on 3/14
- Julie Ball on 3/16
- Harley Felbab on 3/17
- Marti West on 3/17
- Bill Gee on 3/18
- Cruz Hughes on 3/18
- Clare Malcolm on 3/18



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



Online Giving Cards

In the Pews

If you give online, you are invited to place the 'I Give Online' card located in the pews into the offering basket as a symbol of your offering. This was a suggestion was brought to the Vestry so we wanted you to know that your Rector and Vestry are listening. We receive and implement possible suggestions as able and with discernment.



Two recent hikes taken by the Trekking on Tuesday group - note the new name!!

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

March 12 through April 16 we are studying Catechism: Episcopalian 101. 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.

Altar Guild

Saturday, April 11 | 9:30am

Sacristy

Altar Guild members care for the altar, vestments, vessels and linens under the direction of the Rector. They prepare the altar and worship space for services including weekend

worship, weddings, funerals and baptisms. 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.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Saturday, April 11 | 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

All women who attend Transfiguration are included in ECW. The group meets the first Saturday of each month to plan their projects and activities with a potluck lunch following the meeting. For questions, contact [Peg Wier](#).

Lord's Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, April 14 | 9:00am

Fellowship Hall Kitchen

In March this group prepared delicious **15 Bean & Ham 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.

Trekking 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



Second Sunday Offering

Sunday, April 12 | 8:00am & 10:00am services

March's collection of \$284 will go to [Jose's Closet](#) which is a program that offers foster and adoptive parents a place where they can obtain clothes and other items for their children. It also offers a place where foster and adoptive parents can exchange clothes, cribs, strollers, toys or other equipment.

April's collection will be [Lutheran Social Services of SW](#). It helps children and their parents build strong, self-reliant foundations through fun and educational activities designed to support growth and learning.

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



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

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Tami Root, Music Director

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Ruby Seyffert

[Janet Krahn](#) (Sunday Morning Ministry scheduling)

Juanita Quidera

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

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[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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