



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

Transfiguring Times

Thursday, April 30, 2026

The Rector's Metamorpho-News





*Altar party and baptism at the 10:00am service this past Sunday;
what a joyful event!*

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, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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)

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[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 and conversation.

You're also welcome to bring treats to share!

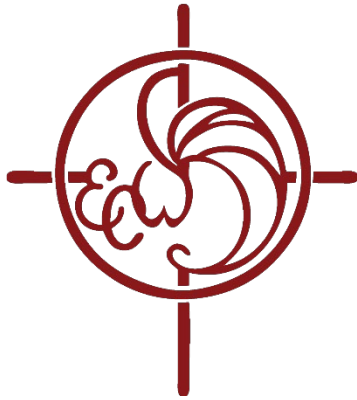
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Saturday, May 2 | 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

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Zoom link for watching meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7409401419?pwd=bWNlbGNsdHowY1JaYUM3NDZkdUgvQT09>

World Labyrinth Day

Saturday, May 2 | 1:00pm

Transfiguration Labyrinth

Join Episcopalians around the globe and walk as one for peace. Walk our own labyrinth at a meditative pace in contemplative prayer. Not a walker? Offer a silent prayer seated nearby. Help us create a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. All are welcome —bring a friend!





Spring Match Campaign

A generous donor has gifted us with a \$15,000 donation. We would like to match that gift with all proceeds going to the Transfiguration operating fund. That means every gift toward this campaign will be doubled until we reach the full match. This is a wonderful opportunity to stretch our giving and strengthen our ministries. Please designate "Match Campaign" in the memo/for field.

Food Collection

Superstition Community Food Bank Collected Weekly

Suggested donations for this week are: boxed cereals and crackers. For next week: canned or dehydrated soups. 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, May 5

7:00pm Compline

Wednesday, May 6

9:30am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Compline

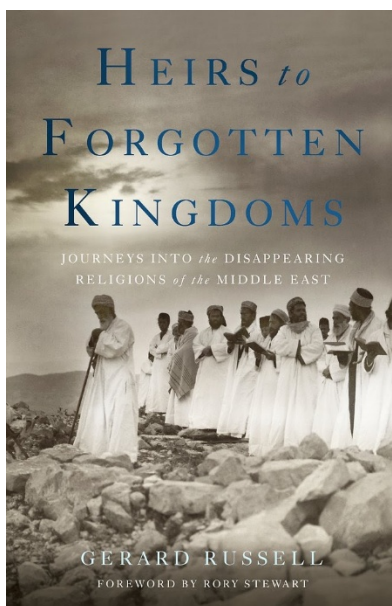
Thursday, May 7

10:00am Bible Study (see article

below for more details)
11:45am Morning Eucharist
7:00pm Compline

Sunday, May 10

8:00am Sunday Service
10:00am Sunday Service w/music
Second Sunday Offering collected
at both services (see article in
Giving section)

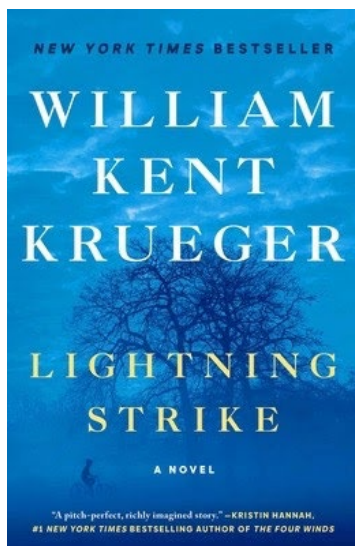


Bible Study

Thursday, May 7 | 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Starting May 7, join us in discovering the ethno-religious cultures of the Middle East, exploring faith communities that existed since the time of Jesus and which grew up alongside Christianity. If you follow current events, you may have heard reporters mention Mandaean, Yazidi, Zoroastrian, Alawite, Druze, and Samaritan and wonder who they are. Many of these faith communities are mentioned in the New Testament and have had an impact on shared religious traditions, including the belief that we are all descendants of Adam and Eve and/or of Abraham and his family. During this Bible Study course, we will learn about the New Testament passages describing the culture of the time, the smaller ethno-religious groups that developed near or alongside the Christian faith, and what we can learn from each other about love of God and our neighbor. You also won't want to miss out on our cultural "exchange" days when we will feature food from some of the cultures we learn about! To order the book, [click here](#), or you can purchase a copy for \$30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Book Club

**Friday, May 15 | 10:00am AZ time
via Zoom**

May's Book Club will discuss *Lightning Strike* by William Kent Krueger. The discussion leader will be Ellen Jackelen and the Goodreads rating is 4.26. [Click here](#) for the book review.

The author of the instant New York Times best seller *This Tender Land* returns with a powerful prequel to his acclaimed Cork O'Connor series - a book about fathers and sons, long-simmering conflicts in a small Minnesota town, and the events that echo through youth and shape our lives forever.

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 next week:

- Ashlyn Laiacano on 5/3
- David Gulik on 5/4

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





From Lynn Graff: "Exploring the Smokey Mountains. Took a zip line ride covering over 1 mile (longest in America). Since Laura, me, and our cousins are in our mid 70s, the guide referred to us as the Granny Squad. Amazing and breathtaking!"



Calling All Helping Hands!

Help is needed in the Fellowship Hall kitchen for setup, serving and cleanup on Sunday mornings. No experience required—just a willing heart and a smile. If interested, please contact the church office at (480) 986-1145 or officetransfig@gmail.com.

Worship & Formation



Prayer and Reflection

Sundays | 7:30am & 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

Thursdays | 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

The next book that we will study, *Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms*, can be ordered [here](#) or purchased for \$30 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will join us during our highly engaging studies!

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



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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.

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Episcopal Church Men (ECM)

Saturday, May 16 | 8:00am

Birdie's Bar and Grill, 500 S 80th St, Mesa

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

Wednesday, May 20 | 9:00am

Fellowship Hall Kitchen

In April this group prepared delicious Tomato Basil 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 this month. For questions please call Miriam Waddington at (559) 707-5810.

Stitchery Ministry

Thursday, May 14 | 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 & 10:00am services

Sanctuary

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.

Giving



Second Sunday Offering

Sunday, May 10 | 8:00am & 10:00am services

May's collection will go to the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona [Hispanic/Latino Ministry](#). This ministry serves Spanish-speaking and Latino communities throughout Arizona.

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



2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Across Arizona, lives are being transformed—youth are growing in faith, leaders are answering God's call, and communities are coming together in powerful ways. And it's all made possible through you.

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger. To give with purpose. To help strengthen and expand the ministries that are shaping our diocese every day.

So we are inviting you to join us as we Grow in Faith, Give in Love. Your gift helps make the love of God incarnate in our communities and helps Episcopalians weave the Fabric of Faith.

[Donate Today!](#)

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

Judy Barnhart, Music Director

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

Office Volunteers

Anita Joy

Ruby Seyffert

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

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

Building & Grounds

Darrell White, Sexton

Church Leadership

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

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

[Doug Wynn](#), Junior Warden

[Tom Kevern](#), Treasurer

Jane Stoneback, Clerk

Ruby Seyffert, Deputy Warden

Janice Scalzo, Office Administrator

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Ron Gurnee

Anita Joy

Janet Krahn

Jo Laslo

Barbara Press

Sharon Smorynski

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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