Viva Maria!



Next General Meeting & Get Together

Meeting 5:00pm St. Joseph Church Hall 11001 N. 40th Street Phoenix, AZ 85028

Get Together 6:00 P.M. Dinner 25.00 per/person

Lasagna Dinner & Bruschetta Salad & Veggie Water & Coffee Dessert

Bring Your Own Wine BYOW

DJ by Sal Davi

RSVP Lina Davi: 602.418.5679 or email: Idavi@msslaz.com

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SAVE THE DATE

FEAST OF MARIA SS LAURETANA - ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Elections were held on On August 23, 2025, to select new leadership.

We are pleased to announce the New Board of Directors.

Position	Name	Email
President	Rita Belder	rbelder@msslaz.com
Vice President	Pete DeLuca	pdeluca@msslaz.com
General Secretary	Michael Stromske	mstromske@msslaz.com
Treasurer	Roberta Ponzalaqua	rponzalaqua@msslaz.com
Trustee	Frankie Janisch	fjanisch@msslaz.com

We thank all past officers for their service and warmly welcome the new leadership team as they begin their term of service to the Society and our members.

NEWLY APPOINTED

WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO INTRODUCE A NEW ROLE IN OUR SOCIETY:

SOCIETY AMBASSADOR LINA DAVI 602.418.4679 **EMAIL: LDAVI@MSSLAZ.COM**

New Committees and Call for Volunteers

As part of our renewed leadership, the Board of Directors will establish committees to help guide our mission and involve more members in the life of the Society. Our Society grows stronger when everyone shares their time and talents. We are seeking volunteers to serve on our newly formed committees:

- Feast Committee
- Picnic Committee
- St. Joseph's Day Committee
- Membership Committee
- Finance Committee
- Chapel Development Committee
- Events Committee

Whether you can give a few hours or take on a leadership role, your participation makes a difference.

Serving on a committee is a wonderful way to deepen your connection to our community and help keep our traditions alive for future generations.

If you would like to volunteer, please speak with any board member or email us at info@msslaz.com.

The Feast of Madonna della Milica in Altavilla Milicia



As devoted members of the Society of Maria SS. Lauretana, September is a special month for us. We enter this sacred time with hearts full of faith and love for the Blessed Virgin.

The Ottava eight days of prayer, penance, and preparation began on August 29, in our beloved Altavilla Milicia, filling the town with hymns, processions, and the daily recitation of the Rosary.

All of the events are recorded daily for viewing on the YouTube channel Madonna della Milicia

We encourage all members to follow the daily Mass. Many of us have already seen our relatives taking part. If you watch, you might see people you know.

Through prayer and shared faith, we remain united with Altavilla and with our beloved Maria SS. Lauretana, who continues to protect and guide us all.

Chicago Chapter's 125th Anniversary Celebration



Last weekend, the Chicago Chapter of our Society celebrated a historic milestone: 125 years of faith, tradition, and devotion to Maria SS. Lauretana.

This anniversary reminds us that our devotion is more than heritage, it is a living faith. Just as those first families entrusted their struggles and hopes to Maria SS. Lauretana, so too do we continue to turn to her today, confident in her love and guidance.

We congratulate the Chicago Chapter on this moment of grace and give thanks to God and Our Lady for sustaining this devotion for 125 years.

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ARIZONA 42ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are now preparing to celebrate in October. The Ottava (eight days of prayer) will take place October 10–17, 2025, at St. Joseph Church offering our community a time of devotion, reflection, and thanksgiving to Our Lady.

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will gather for the 42nd Annual Feast of Maria SS. Lauretana in Arizona. The celebration will begin with Holy Mass at 1:00 PM, followed by the Procession of the Vara, and children of our church singing the Volota.

Afterwards, all are invited to share in a festive afternoon meal together as one family of faith. More information will be available on Facebook, Our Website, St. Joseph's Church Bulletin, and our next newsletter.

Proposed Logos For Member Input

We are creating logos and would like membership input on the final design. The logos below are drafts only and may have a few minor errors in text, and color variation before the final artwork is created. They will be corrected on the final design.

All input is welcome. If you have feedback, please contact a member or email your suggestions to info@msslaz.com.

You can also send a text or call us on our new society phone number: 602.464.4000



Color MSSL Burgundy

> Color Marian Blue

For More Information email us @ info@msslaz.com