



Monthly Newsletter

August 2023 | Maria Santissima Lauretana Society – Arizona Chapter

August 15th – Assumption of our Lady



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- **DETAIL SCHEDULE FOR OUR FEAST**
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Independence Day Get-Together Pics

A great time was had by all.



Meeting Summary from 07/19/23

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING ON JULY 19TH 2023

- St. Valentine Dinner Dance. NO DECISION MADE YET but narrowed down to either Elk's Lodge (with catering) at 14424 N 32nd Street or Maggianos at 16405 N. Scottsdale Road. Price will be \$75.00/person and will be a sit-down, fully served dinner and dancing.
- Congratulations to our new members: Onofrio and Rosa Fricano
- New website now at www.mariasslauretanaaz.com Please check it out!!!
- We have donated \$1000 to St. Joseph Church to assist in paying for Church's nativity set purchased in Bethlehem, Israel. Society will be provided 100 blessed rosaries containing soil from the holy land. These rosaries will be given to each member. See picture of the rosary on page 6.
- Feast: See page 6 for details of Feast Celebration
- We had a good turn-out Independence Day. Thanks to all that came out! Pictures on page 2.

Reflections on the Assumption of Mary

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.” Luke 1:46-49

On August 15th we celebrate the assumption of our Lady into heaven. The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she was taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God.

The Gospel passage quoted above comes from the beginning of Mary's song of praise, her Magnificat, by which she not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom “all generations” will call “blessed.” She is the one for whom “the Almighty has done great things.” She is the one who will eternally proclaim “the greatness of the Lord” and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Let us reflect upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores the Most Holy Trinity and intercedes for us and for the whole Church.

“Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.”

**NEXT GET-TOGETHER
COME JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN!**

August 12th, 2023

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

at

St. Joseph Church – St. Joseph Hall

MENU

**Pork Tenderloin w/Mashed Potato
Spaghetti with Shrimp Scampi Style**

Mixed Greens

Crusty Sesame Dinner Rolls

Dessert

Water & Coffee

PRICE

\$25.00

PLEASE RSVP TO

Lina Davi > 602-418-5679

Board Meeting

August 16th 2023

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Joseph Hall

11001 N. 40th Street

Phoenix, AZ. 85028

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

**If you should have any questions, please do not
hesitate to contact any board member. Contact
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In 2022 the Board revised our by-laws. All the changes made were posted on last year's newsletter at this time. In addition, new copies have been distributed at Get-Togethers. Since that time, there have been various questions asked. Going forward, we are going to post different sections of our by-laws in each newsletter so that all members can familiarize themselves with the by-laws. This month, I would like to post Article IV of our By-Laws. If you have not received a copy, please do not hesitate to reach out Sam Scimeca. (General Secretary) at 602-622-5171.

Article Four Meetings of Members

Sec. 1 - The meeting of the Society for the election of officers and for the transaction of other business shall be held in the month of November each year. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member at least ten (10) days prior.

Sec. 2 - The Society will hold monthly meetings throughout the year.

Sec. 3 - The Society may hold a special meeting at any time upon call of the President, or by any fifteen (15) members. The notice of the special meeting shall state the purpose thereof and no other business will be conducted. Notice shall be mailed to each member at least three (3) days before the date of the meeting. Any decision must be approved by a majority of the members present.

Sec. 4 - Any member in good standing may attend any meeting.

Sec. 6 - Not less than four (4) Board members in good standing shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. In the case of a special meeting of members, not less than (4) Board members and (15) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7 - An Ad-Hoc Committee will be chosen no later than August to slate the Officers for the November election.

CHANGE IN WEBSITE

Our new website address is now www.mariasslauretanaaz.com. The new website not only has information on our history and who we are but also has our facebook link, a form to contact us, online membership application with links on how to donate. We also now have a photo and video gallery as well as a repository for our monthly newsletters which we plan on posting every month. CHECK IT OUT!!!

Viva Maria SS Lauretana!

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Dear Member,

Our yearly festival in honor of Maria SS. Lauretana will soon be upon us and as with each year, our holy day shall be preceded by the nightly Ottava and a celebration dinner the night before the mass and procession. Please see below for detail schedule:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Ottava Rosary – Day 1	09/15/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Ottava Rosary – Day 2	09/16/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Ottava Rosary – Day 3	09/17/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Ottava Rosary – Day 4	09/18/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Ottava Rosary – Day 5	09/19/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Ottava Rosary – Day 6	09/20/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Ottava Rosary – Day 7	09/21/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, JOSEPH HALL
Ottava Rosary – Day 8	09/22/23	7:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ascension Hall
Celebratory Dinner	09/23/23	6:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church, JOSEPH HALL
High Mass & Procession	09/24/23	1:00 PM	St. Joseph Catholic Church



To the left is a picture of the rosaries that our Society is receiving from St. Joseph Catholic Church for the donation we made. (see highlights to July 19th meeting on page 2)

The best way to receive one of these rosaries would be to attend the nightly rosary during the Ottava. Details above on dates and times.

If you are unable to attend, you may reach out to any of the Board Members and we will make sure you receive one.

FUTURE NEWSLETTER MAILINGS > PLEASE READ BELOW

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