



Viva Maria!

Celebrate St. Joseph's Day with The Society of Maria SS Lauretana

Phase 1: Spiritual Preparation

The Nine-Day Novena



Join the community in prayer from March 5 through March 13.



Sacred Location
All novena services will be held at St. Joseph's Church.

Phase 2: The Celebration St. Joseph's Day Table Meal

Sunday, March 15, 2026



Event Time & Address
The meal begins at 12:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church, 11001 N 40th St., Phoenix.

\$10.00 Donation per person **Traditional Italian Fare**



Guests will be served a variety of authentic Italian dishes and a selection of traditional cookies.



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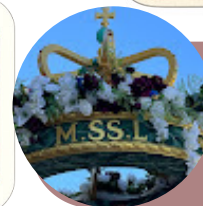
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SAVE THE DATE

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APRIL 19, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Valentine Dinner Dance on February 14 was a beautiful evening filled with laughter, music, and fellowship. It was truly heartwarming to see so many smiling faces enjoying the music and filling the dance floor. Evenings like this remind us how special it is to gather together as a Society.

A sincere "Thank You" to Gino Davi for preparing another wonderful meal with such generosity and care. We also thank Sal Davi for serving as our DJ and providing the mood-style disco lighting, which added an exciting and festive atmosphere to the evening. It was a special touch we don't usually have, and it truly made the celebration even more memorable.

Please mark your calendars for two important upcoming dates:

Special Member Meeting – February 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM

We will gather at St. Joseph church for a membership vote regarding the Eberle property: sell or continue renting. Your presence and voice are important as we make this decision together for the future of our Society.

St. Joseph's Day Table – March 15, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Join us as we continue our cherished Sicilian tradition honoring St. Joseph. A meatless meal and traditional Italian cookies will be served in the spirit of gratitude, fellowship, and charity. We look forward to sharing this beautiful celebration with you.

With gratitude and prayers,
Rita Belder – President
Society of Maria SS Lauretana



St. Joseph Catholic Church

11001 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85028



St. Joseph's Table History

The tradition of La Tavola di San Giuseppe (The Table of St. Joseph) traces its roots to medieval Sicily, where a devastating drought brought famine and desperation to the people.

In their distress, the Sicilian people turned to St. Joseph, protector of families and worker of quiet miracles. They made a solemn vow: if St. Joseph would intercede and bring rain to save their children, they would prepare a great banquet in his honor and feed the poor.

Traditional Elements of La Tavola di San Giuseppe and Their Meaning

- Meatless Meal: Lenten sacrifice and spiritual discipline.
- Bread Shapes (Cross, Staff): The Cross of Christ; St. Joseph as protector and shepherd.
- Fava Bean: Survival, resilience, and Divine Providence.
- Toasted Breadcrumbs: The sawdust of St. Joseph's carpentry.
- *Oranges and lemons are placed on the St. Joseph's Table as symbols of Sicily's abundant harvest, God's blessing after the famine, and they represent gratitude, prosperity, and the call to share with those in need.*

Charity Remains at the Heart of the Tradition. The Tavola is far more than a beautiful display of food and devotion. From its earliest origins, the table was prepared to feed three people representing the Holy Family and the poor of the community fulfilling the sacred vow made during a time of famine and despair.

Today, that spirit of generosity continues. The tradition lives on through shared meals, almsgiving, and support for charitable causes. Giving is not separate from prayer it is prayer in motion. The St. Joseph's Table transforms gratitude into service.

Each year, the Society of Maria SS. Lauretana faithfully preserves this sacred Sicilian heritage, beginning with nine days of prayer, followed by the preparation of the St. Joseph's Table and the serving of a traditional afternoon meal in his honor.

The St. Joseph's Table remains a sacred bridge between generations; where the bread of the past nourishes the present, and every gathered heart renews a centuries old promise of faith, community, and charity.

Please join us at St. Josephs Church on March 15, 2026 to celebrate this special day.

Society News and Announcements



In Loving Memory

With prayerful hearts, we remember dear friends of our Society who have been called home to the Lord.

Maria Randazzo Orlando passed away on January 7, 2026. A faithful member of our Society for 40 years, Maria's dedication and quiet devotion were a blessing to us all. Her love for our traditions and for Maria SS. Lauretana will always remain part of our shared legacy.

Joseph Giallo passed away on January 30, 2026. For 35 years, Joseph was a valued member of our Society. We are grateful for his years of fellowship and commitment to our Marian community.

Joseph Anthony Ordonez III passed away on February 9, 2026. A longtime friend to many within our Society, he faithfully serviced the two properties owned by the Society for many years. He was a devoted parishioner of St. Joan of Arc and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. His kindness and generous service will be deeply missed.

As a Marian Society, we entrust them to the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother, Maria SS. Lauretana, asking that she guide them into the joy of her Son's presence and bring comfort to their families.

Please keep their loved ones in your prayers.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

2026 ANNUAL DUES

\$25.00

WAYS TO PAY

- **In person** at the dinner meeting (cash or check)
- **Via Zelle** to accounting@msslaz.com
- **By mail to:**
 10645 N. Tatum Blvd,
 Suite 200-484
 Phoenix, AZ 85028

Thank you for your support!

April Event – Save the Date



Society of Maria SS Lauretana

Annual Picnic 2026



Event Logistics & Highlights

Sunday, April 19, 2026
at 12:00 PM

Free for Society Members:
Current members receive free admission and a complimentary meal.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
7301 E Indian Bend Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Featured Bocce Ball Tournament:
A traditional competitive highlight of the annual gathering for all attendees.

Menu & Registration

Italian Sandwich Selection
All sandwiches include chips, water, and complimentary peppers and onions.

Non-members

	Roast Beef or Sausage Sandwich:
	\$12.00
	Combo (Sausage & Roast Beef):
	\$15.00

Advance Payment:
Via Zelle

RSVP to Lina Davi
Confirm your attendance via phone (602-418-5679) or email (ldavi@msslaz.com).