

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**November 20, 2022
9th Sunday of Luke**

Mission Statement

To Engage, Serve, and Enrich the lives of Orthodox Christians, through Word, Worship, and Outreach, and to Welcome all people to live the Orthodox Christian way of life.

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Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, Pastor
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Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Closed 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch
Fr. Timothy is off on Thursdays.

Metropolis of San Francisco / Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Hymns at the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion - Plagal Tone 2

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for the Forefeast

Today righteous Anna solicits joy for us all, the opposite of pain and sorrow, having brought forth her fruit, the only ever-virgin Maid; and today in fulfillment of her prayer and her promise, to the Temple of the Lord she joyfully leads her who is truly the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

Χαρὰν προμνηστεύεται, σήμερον Ἄννα ἡμῖν, τῆς λύπης ἀντίθετον, καρπὸν βλαστήσασα, τὴν μόνην Ἀειπάρθενον ἦν περὶ δὴ καὶ προσάγει, τὰς εὐχὰς ἐκπληροῦσα, σήμερον γηθομένη, τῷ Ναῶ τοῦ Κυρίου, ὡς ὄντως ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου, καὶ Μητέρα ἀγνήν.

Apolytikion of St. Katherine

Let us sing the praise of the Bride of Christ renown, the Patroness of Sinai, Katherine Divine. Our assistance and protection, for she has brilliantly subdued, the impious refined, by the power of the Spirit. She was crowned as a martyr of the Lord, and for all, she entreats His great mercy.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆς μαχαίρας, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Forefeast

On this day the whole wide world is filled completely with great joy and merriment on the occasion of the feast of the Theotokos and cries aloud: "She is the heavenly tabernacle indeed."

Εὐφροσύνης σήμερον, ἡ οἰκουμένη, ἐπληρώθη ἅπασα, ἐν τῇ εὐσήμεῳ Ἑορτῇ, τῆς Θεοτόκου κραυγάζουσα· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει, σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ἐφεσίους 2:4-10

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεός, πλούσιος ὦν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωποποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ - χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι - καὶ συνήγειρεν, καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσιν τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθαι. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Λουκᾶν 12:16-21

Ἐἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν αὐτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλὰ· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τί νῦν ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

Saints of the Day

- The Forefeast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple
- Gregory the Righteous of Decapolis
- Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople

Saint Gregory who was from Irenopolis of the Decapolis of Asia Minor, was the son of Sergius and Mary. He became a monk as a young man, and after struggling for many years in virtue and prayer under obedience to a wise spiritual father, he was informed by revelation that it was the will of God for him to live, like the Patriarch Abraham, with no certain dwelling, moving from place to place. His journeyings took him to Ephesus, Constantinople, Corinth, Rome, Sicily, Thessalonica, and again to Constantinople, where, after many labours in defence of Orthodoxy against Iconoclasm, he reposed in peace in the first half of the ninth century. He had two disciples, one of whom was Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (see Apr. 3), who wrote the Menaion service for Saint Gregory, his father in Christ.

Saint Proclus lived during the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger. A disciple and scribe of Saint John Chrysostom, he was ordained Bishop of Cyzicus about the year 426, but because the people there unlawfully elected another bishop before his arrival, he remained in Constantinople. In 429, Nestorius, who had been Archbishop of Constantinople for about a year, and had already begun his blasphemous teaching that it is wrong to call the holy Virgin "Theotokos," invited Bishop Proclus to give a sermon on one of the feasts of our Lady, which he did, openly defending in Nestorius' presence the name "Theotokos," that is, "Mother of God." Saint Proclus was elevated to the throne of Archbishop of Constantinople in 434. It was he who persuaded Emperor Theodosius the Younger and his holy sister Pulcheria to have the most sacred relics of his godly teacher Saint John Chrysostom brought back from Comana, and triumphantly received them upon their return to the imperial city (see Jan. 27 and Nov. 13). He reposed in peace in 447.

Service Schedule—Week of November 20th

Sun., November 13th: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial: 1 year- Freda Krithis, Annual-Departed Daughters of Penelope

40-Day Blessing: Katherine Prieto and newborn daughter Stamata

Monday, November 21st-Entrance of the Theotokos: 8:00 a.m. Orthros, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sat., November 26th: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Welcome to Our Visitors

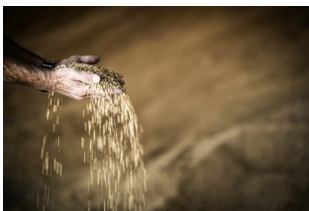
We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord and hope your experience at St. Katherine's is a blessing for you.

Only those who are Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Orthodox faith may receive Holy Communion. If you are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, "a blessing please."

Orthodox Christians desiring to receive the Body of Blood of Christ must ensure proper preparation through confession (minimum 4 times a year), reconciliation in your heart with all, and observation of the fasting guidelines set forth by the Church.

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

November is Stewardship month at St Katherine!



Continuing the education process involving Stewardship, Fr. Timothy will be addressing the Scriptural connection to Stewardship in his homilies all month. We will also be hearing from parishioners about what Orthodoxy and/or St Katherine means to them. It is hoped they will share testimonials of how their lives have changed or how they perceive their spirituality after a better understanding of gratitude and generosity.

This month of teaching and testimonials will culminate on **Stewardship Sunday on December 11**. That day we will collect as many Stewardship pledge cards as possible and bless them on the altar. It is a tradition we started last year and is a meaningful demonstration of the importance of our Stewardship ministry and the impact it has on all our other ministries.

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member and begin receiving News & Updates, please contact our Church office: office@st-katherineaz.org or call 480-899-3330.

Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Parents, after your children receive Communion, please bring them to class.

- Grades PreK-2, in Community Center
- Grades 3-5, Choir Loft
- Grades 6-12, 5th Acre

After class students will be dismissed and instructed to return to their parents in the Community Center.

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Daughters of Penelope Aegina 340.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open today after Liturgy.

Please make every effort to arrive for services a little early. If you happen to arrive late, please observe the following moments in the Divine Liturgy when you should not enter the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex. You may enter after these moments:

- The Priest censing
- The Small Entrance
- The Great Entrance
- Epistle Reading
- Gospel Reading
- The Homily
- Consecration of the Gifts
- The Lord's Prayer

Confession Times:

- Saturdays from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- During Great Vespers immediately following the Great Censing. Please wait in the front pews closest to the Bishop's Throne.
- By appointment (Please contact the church office)

Resources:

*Sunday Homilies: <https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies>

*For Orthros (Matins) Text visit: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](#)

*Saints, Feasts, Epistle & Gospel readings: <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar>

Please silence cell phones when in church.



Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- **November 19th:** Taste of Greece Holiday Sale
- **December 11th:** Stewardship Sunday & Parish Council Elections
- **December 18th:** Youth Christmas Pageant
- **February 25th, 2023:** Arizona Hellenic Foundation Apokries Dinner/Dance

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Elections are scheduled for Sunday, December 11th.

Qualified stewards are encouraged to consider running for an open position. For more information, see a current Parish Council member. Applications are available in the church office.

All candidates must complete and return application form to the office no later than 3:30pm on November 23, 2022.

Community Christmas Card



Our Church has the long-established tradition of sending Christmas greetings to our fellow parishioners and friends. The names of all stewards of St Katherine are automatically included at no charge.

If you are not yet a steward and would like your name and/or group included, please neatly print your name below and return this form along with a check for \$10.00 (include "Community Christmas Card" on the memo line) to the office by **November 27th, 2022**.

Name:

(Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear)

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.



Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Living:

- Metropolitan Gerasimos, health and healing
- Kristen, Kristen, Jeff, health and healing
- Mari Amaya, Health and healing following surgery
- Peace for the Tigrayan People, consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers
- For our Catechumens and Inquirers
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: Scott Fagerberg (Davis - Monthon AFB)

Orthodox Catechism Classes



Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Inside the Church of St. Katherine

November

22nd: The Holy Mysteries II
29th: The Mother of God

December

6th: Orthodox Spirituality I
13th: Orthodox Spirituality II
20th: Icons & Architecture

St. Irene Philoptochos News



Holiday Basket Donations

Please help us provide a special holiday dinner for families in our church community who have been affected by the economic crisis.

Please see Josephine Avaneas, Kathy Connell, or Marjie Thorpe in the church office to make a donation. All donations are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Joy/Hope

HELEN'S HOPE CHEST

On Saturday Dec 3rd at 12:30 pm, Joy/Hope will be meeting for Pizza and to help stuff stockings to benefit Helen's Hope Chest. A list of items needed for the stockings will be sent soon.

Save the Date-more info to come!

For more information: [Helen's Hope Chest – Real Hope for Real Kids](#)

Questions? Contact Kathy

Wado: wldkty01@hotmail.com

Greek Dance Practice & FDF



Dance Practice for ages 9 through high school age begins after church Nov. 20th. Practice for the 3-8 year old group has begun, and meets in the Community Center, every Sunday after church with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas Weekends. Questions?

Contact Lisa Bafaloukos:

lisabaf@post.com

The dance students are preparing for the FDF festival held in Arizona this year.

For more FDF information: [Home - Your FDF](#)

Senior GOYA Service Project



Senior GOYA needs your help! We are collecting donations in the Narthex for Maggie's Place from now until December 25th.

Maggie's Place is 501(c)3 organization committed to serving mothers here in Arizona. They provide housing, support services, and basic necessities to women and their families. Here is a small list of donations that Maggie's Place needs:

- larger sized diapers (ex. 3T, 4T, 5T)
- bottles
- pacifiers
- clothing (all sizes and genders)
- shoes
- accessories (ex. purses, belts, etc.)
- plates
- cups
- small kitchen appliances
- home decor

*Please make sure donations are gently used. No stained clothing or shoes with holes in them, please. If donating clothing, please make sure it is washed and folded. Let's try to throw in some new items too! If you find toys on sale or any other good deals, please consider. We appreciate any help we can get!

Questions? Contact Athena Gonzales at 480-584-9831 or athenacontes@hotmail.com

St. Katherine Group Liaisons

Do you have a question, idea, or suggestion? Don't know who to contact? Listed below are the various groups and their liaisons. Interested? Please contact us.

Altar: Fr. Timothy
Bookstore: Antigoni Bhatia
Coffee Hour: Mary Bowen
Community Center/Kitchen: Evangelia Archuleta
Dance: Mary Bowen
Flower Ministry: Antigoni Bhatia
GOYA.: Jeremy Gonzales
Greek School: Marina Ambus, Dimitri Laloudakis
Fundraising Ministry: Glenn Thorpe
Information Technology: Antigoni Bhatia
Maintenance: Mike DeLos, Dimitri Laloudakis, Rick Schneider
Philoptochos: Zoi Benton
Prosforo Ministry: Antigoni Bhatia
School Tenant: Evangelia Archuleta
Stewardship Ministry: John Chrisagis
Sunday School: Antigoni Bhatia.
Welcome Ministry: Yiota Soublis
Women's Ministry: Mary Bowen

MILESTONES & MANY YEARS !



Are you celebrating a birth, baptism, birthday/nameday, anniversary or other special occasion that you would like to share with our community?

To have your special occasion included in our Weekly Update, please complete the "Milestones & Many Years" form (available at the candle stand) and return it to the church office or a Parish Council member.

GOYA Winter Retreat

Jan. 13-15, 2023

Location: Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott, AZ

Who: 6th-12th Grade

Price: \$125

For more information:

Niko Pars: youth@assumptionaz.org



8 Dates Series Returns!

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco **Family Wellness Ministry** and the Office of **Youth and Young Adult Ministries** invites all married/engaged couples to participate in the upcoming **Eight Dates** Marriage program. This powerful relationship series presented for the third time is based on the book *Eight Dates* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. Topics addressed including Conflict; Work and Money, Intimacy, Family, Spirituality, and much more. Any couple wanting to improve their communication and connection can benefit from this lively and evidence based program. Sessions began on Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 pm



To register: <http://www.familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates>

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church at different times throughout the year by decorating icons for Major Feast days of Christ and the Theotokos, the Feast day of St. Katherine, Great Lent, and Holy Week. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact Despina:: deslaloudakis@yahoo.com



Welcome Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Yiota for more information:

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry meets on the 3rd Saturday, every other month for food, fellowship and fun.



Men's Ministry!

As we continue to grow our St. Katherine ministries, we are now working toward beginning a Men's Ministry. A volunteer is needed to lead the team, and others are needed to work with him in developing this ministry's goals, mission, and vision, etc.

If you would like to be involved in starting our men's ministry, and/or would like to participate in it, please email or call the Church Office to give us your contact information.

Fr. Timothy will be working directly with this ministry and will be instrumental in its development.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Thank you to all who have filled out and turned in your 2022 Stewardship cards.

To date we have received 142 pledges totaling \$274,571.

Please help us reach our Stewardship pledge goal this year. May God bless us and this parish as a whole for all that each and every one of us brings as our offering to our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Bride, the Church. (Fr. Timothy)

RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

PERCENT OF INCOME	5%		8%		10%	
	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly
Annual Income						
\$20,000	\$1,000	\$19.23	\$1,600	\$30.77	\$2,000	\$38.46
\$40,000	\$2,000	\$38.46	\$3,200	\$61.54	\$4,000	\$76.92
\$60,000	\$3,000	\$57.69	\$4,800	\$92.31	\$6,000	\$115.38
\$80,000	\$4,000	\$76.92	\$6,400	\$123.08	\$8,000	\$153.85
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$96.15	\$8,000	\$153.85	\$10,000	\$192.31
\$125,000	\$6,250	\$120.19	\$10,000	\$192.31	\$12,500	\$240.38
\$150,000	\$7,500	\$144.23	\$12,000	\$230.77	\$15,000	\$288.46
\$200,000	\$10,000	\$192.31	\$16,000	\$307.69	\$20,000	\$384.62



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

Thank you for your commitment.

New Convenient Ways to Give!

Hover your phone camera over the QR code, which will take you to our website. From the menu, click on the Stewardship tab.

Digital payment platforms allow the church to accept stewardship, general or specific donations for any ministry. To ensure your donation is allocated properly, please make a note in the memo indicating your wishes.

