Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



March 26th, 2023 Sunday of St. John Climacus

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.

Our Clergy:

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Church Office Hours:

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 4

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὕσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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, Αἰκατερῖναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you. * Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, * Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.* Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, * From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you. * I may cry aloud: *Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὠς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵΙνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Έβραίους 6:13-20

Άδελφοί, τῷ Άβραὰμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὀμόσαι, ὤμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἦ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὀμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὅρκος. Ἐν ῷ περιασότερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδεῖξαι τοῖς

κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὅρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἶς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἣν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδὲκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

Gospel Reading Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them. "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Μᾶρκον 9:17-31

Τῶ καιρῶ ἐκείνω, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῶ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρός σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου αν αὐτὸν καταλάβη, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὁδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ίνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῶ λέγει ὧ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρός με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδών αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῶ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέση αὐτόν ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῶ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδίου μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε βοήθει μου τῆ ἀπιστία. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὅχλος, ἐπετίμησε τῶ πνεύματι τῶ ἀκαθάρτω λέγων αὐτῶ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγώ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθης εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτὸν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νέκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν, ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτὸν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ είσελθόντα αὐτὸν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν κατ΄ ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ήδυνήθημεν έκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῆ καὶ νηστεία. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνῶ ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῆ τρίτη ἡμέρα ἀναστήσεται.

Today we Commemorate:

- Synaxis in honor of the Archangel Gabriel
- 26 Martyrs in Crimea
- Irenaeus the Hieromartyr of Hungary

This festive Synaxis is celebrated to the glory of the Archangel Gabriel, since he ministered to the marvelous mystery of God's incarnate dispensation.

<u>Upcoming Services—Week of March 26th</u>

<u>Sunday, March 26th</u>: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vesper Service at Assumption GOC,

Monday, March 27th: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, March 29th: 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday March 30th: 6:00 p.m. Great Canon of St. Andrew & The Life of St. Mary of Egypt

Friday, March 31st: 6:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn

<u>Saturday, April 1st</u>: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

For the complete calendar: https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar

Spring General Assembly-<u>Today</u>

The Spring General Assembly will be held today, **Sunday, March 26,** in the Community Center following dismissal of Liturgy.

Please note: To vote at a General Assembly meeting one must be a current steward. If you have not completed a 2023 pledge card, please do so right away, so that you can participate and vote on issues affecting our parish.

All stewards should make plans to attend and participate.



Pascha Lily Donation



Join us in remembering our beloved family and friends during Holy Week with a Memorial Pascha Lily. The lilies will adorn our church during Holy Week. Donors are invited to take home a lily plant following the Agape Vesper Service on Pascha.

\$25.00 per plant donation (Donations to support the Flower Ministry)

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Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon

Make your reservation now for ST. KATHERINE'S PALM SUNDAY FISH LUNCHEON on April 9th, in the Community Center. Sponsored by the

Parish Council.

Menu: Baked fish, Greek-style potatoes, salad, bread roll, dessert & beverage. Adults \$20.00, Children 12 & under \$10.00 (fish sticks plus above sides), children 4 & under free.



Our Parish Family

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

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

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Helpful Information:

Sunday Service Times: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday School: Meeting locations: Pre-K to 5th at the 4th acre, 6th-12th at the 5th acre.

Fellowship Hour: Soup & salad sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Usually open on Sundays 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:

- *Complete Church Calendar: https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar
- *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
- *Livestream on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stkatherinechandler/videos
- *Livestream on YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams</u>



Prayer Requests

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

I Peter 4:7 Be serious and discipline yourselves in prayer. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Living:

- Apostolos for health and healing
- Andrew for bereavement
- Angie for upcoming surgery
- Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, those affected by the recent floods in California, New Zealand, and those affected by train derailments around the world.
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers
- For our Catechumens and Inquirers.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: Scott Fagerberg
- For our Seminarians: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis, Nikolas Makarios, Andrew Moreno

Departed:

- Priestmonk Dorotheos +
- Lourie Campbell +
- Alex Katsanakis +

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.

All Saints Camp Early Registration Ends March 26th

- Early Registration: \$425 (March 13-26)
- Regular Registration: \$475 (March 27-April 30)
- Late Registration: \$525 (May 1-15)

All Saints Summer Camp will be hosted at <u>The Springs at UCYC</u> in Prescott, Arizona, May 30–June 3! This annual program is available to all youth entering third grade through those who just graduated high school.

Spread the word! <u>Early registration opens today and will run until Sunday, March 26! Prices will go up on March 27, so be sure to register ASAP and secure this early price</u>. Payment plan options will be available. Click the registration link above for further registration information (i.e. camperships, sibling discounts, refunds, etc.).

The mission of ASC is to bring Orthodox youth and staff closer to Christ and to one another through a safe, fun, and prayerful environment. This is all accomplished thanks to our highly trained and dedicated staff. For those interested in being summer camp counselors, medical staff, or support staff, we are presently accepting applications. Click here to apply to join our 2023 staff!

For more information, visit our website at <u>allsaintscamparizona.org</u>. With questions, please contact us at <u>info@allsaintscamparizona.org</u>.

Journeys to Orthodoxy

For those who have converted to Orthodoxy, I kindly request you share the account of your personal journey to Orthodoxy (b/t 500 – 800 words). Please submit a recent picture of yourself along with your narrative. We will feature one convert's story a month in an individually sent out MailChimp so others in our community can benefit from the story of your journey. Our website will have a section titled "Journeys to Orthodox" under



the "Our Faith" tab, your story will be posted there as well. Hearing about one's journey is extremely beneficial to all, both to Orthodox Christians (cradle and convert) as well as to those who are searching. If you would like to see some examples, please visit the following website, at St. John's, the parish I last served: http://stjohngoc.org/category/journeys-to-orthodoxy/

Once you have written a brief story of your journey please submit it to our church Administrator Marjie Thorpe at: office@st-katherine.org as well as to our webmaster, Jerry Vasilatos at: retiredjerry@cox.net

Myrrh Bearer Practice

Myrrh Bearer's practice will be Saturday, April 1st. Girls who would like to serve as "Myrrh Bearers" for the Holy Friday Lamentation Service and Holy Pascha Resurrection Service, please contact Antigoni Bhatia 617-308-1860.



Altar Boy Retreat

Fr. Timothy will be conducting an Altar Boy retreat at St. Katherine's (inside the church) for all current Altar Boys (ages 8-18) and any prospective Altar Boys. The boys will learn the responsibilities and proper etiquette for serving in

who will serve.

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church Saturday, April 1st, 2023 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch in the Community Center from 12:00-12:30

the Holy Altar. This training is important for all



Parents: Please drop your boys off at the church by 10:00 a.m. and please pick them up at the Community Center at 12:30 p.m.

+Lazarus Saturday +
April 8, 2023
8:30 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

The ladies of **St. Irene Philoptochos** invite you to a Lenten brunch in the Community Center followed by palm cross folding. Everyone is invited, no experience is necessary. Please join us!



Epitaphios adornment

Holy Friday, April 14, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for a little while; many hands make light work! For more information: Antigoni Bhatia 617-308-1860



St. Irene Philoptochos News



Easter Bake Sale

Philoptochos annual Easter Bake Sale April 2nd & 9th!

Help us fill the Easter Dinner Basket!

Philoptochos is collecting money to provide special holiday meals for families in our parish who can use a helping hand.

To donate, look for the display in the community center during fellowship hour or speak to any Philoptochos Board member.

All Saints Camp Scholarships Available

St. Irene Philoptochos will be offering scholarships to assist with camp registration. Details coming soon!

2023 Membership

If you are not yet a member of Philoptochos, we invite you to join us in our philanthropic work! Dues are \$35.00 and Membership applications are available in the Narthex.

Arizona Hellenic Foundation

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for students of Hellenic descent. The application deadline is April 1st, for further details and scholarship application please visit the Foundation's website: Azhellenic.org.

Thank you, Telis Evripidou

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry meets on the 3rd Saturday, every other month for food, fellowship and fun. For more information contact Athena Vasilatos 480-242-6658



GOYA/Philoptochos Project

Our GOYANs are teaming up with St. Irene Philoptochos to collect food items for St Innocent Orphanage. Please bring the items to our community center on Sundays or contact Athena Gonzales or Josephine Avaneas to make other drop-off arrangements. To read more about Project Mexico, please visit: https://www.projectmexico.org/

Items needed: · Cereal (low sugar) · Oatmeal · Granola · Pancake Mix · Honey · Canned Corn · Pinto beans · Black Beans · Canned fruit · Canned vegetables · Spices (Garlic, Pepper, Sugar & Salt) · Chicken Bouillon (Knorr, Chicken broth) · Flour · Wheat Flour · Spaghetti · Spaghetti sauce · Tomato puree · Dry fruit (Banana, Pineapple, Almonds, Cranberries) · Olive Oil · Canola Oil · Cooking Spray · Mayonnaise · Ketchup · Clamato · Canned Soups (Mushroom, clam, corn) · Cooking spray · Jam · Yeast · Gatorade · Nestea/Minute Maid · Nesquik (Chocolate Milk Mix) · Canned Tuna, Salmon, Mushrooms, Chicken & Albacore · Popsicles (Otter Pops) · Granola bars · Hot Chocolate · Granulated Coffee · Juice & Juice boxes · Brown Sugar · Bottled Water · Ramen Soup · Parmesan Cheese · Cookies · Saltine Crackers · Dressings (Ranch, Blue Cheese) · Sweetened Condensed Milk · PROTEIN Powder

Sunday School and Joy/Hope Project

Our younger students, Pre-K to 5th (all classes in the 4th acre house), will be putting together Easter baskets to donate to Helen's Hope



Chest during Sunday School the week of March 26th.

To donate: https://

www.signupgenius.com/

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Welcome Ministry



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

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry serves to beautify our Church throughout the year by

adorning Icons for the Major Feast days of Christ and the Mother of God, The Feast day of St. Katherine, Great



Lent, and Holy Week. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Despina at: dlaloudakis@yahoo.com

2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!



111 Steward Families have pledged \$257,084.

Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Stewardship Commitment Card at the candle stand and prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year.

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 properly allocated, please make a note in

the memo indicating your wishes.

RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

PERCENT OF INCOME	5%		8%		10%	
Annual Income	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly
\$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