

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**April 2nd, 2023
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

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:

Fr. Timothy Pavlatos, Proistamenos
Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus
Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

Contact Us:

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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 - Tone 1

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

Ἐν σοὶ Μήτηρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράπτουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὅσια Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

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

Kontakion

A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering. Please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading
Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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Gospel Reading
Hebrews 9:11-14

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Today we Commemorate:

- **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**
- **Titus the Wonderworker**
- **Theodora the Virgin-martyr of Palestine**
- **Amphianos & Aedesios the Martyrs of Lycia**

Titus the Wonderworker- Little is known of this Saint except that he took up the monastic life from his youth, became the abbot of a monastery, and reposed in peace.

Upcoming Services—Week of April 2nd

Sunday, April 2: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vesper Service at St. Haralambos 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Monday, April 3rd: 6:00 p.m. Great Compline

Wednesday, April 5th: 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Lazarus Saturday, April 8th: 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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

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.

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: Sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: 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](https://www.gearch.org/chapel/calendar)

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

*Livestream on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stkatherinechandler/videos>

*Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams>

Please silence cell phones when in church.





**JOIN US FOR
ST. KATHERINE'S PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

*April 9, 2023
Following Sunday Liturgy
Community Center*

MENU - \$20
*Psari Plaki - (Baked Fish)
Greek style oven baked potatoes
Tossed Green Salad
Dinner Roll & Dessert
Beverage*

CHILDREN'S MENU - 12 & under - \$10
*Fish sticks
Greek Style potatoes
Salad
Dinner Roll & Dessert
Beverage*

Reservations required. Please call church office at 480-899-3330, or email at office@st-katherine.org. Please Note: Menu available for take out. Please specify dine in or take out at time of reservation. Hope to see you there.

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)

Please print

Donor Name: _____

In memory of: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (Please return the completed form and your donation to the church office)

St. Irene Philoptochos - EASTER BAKE SALE ***Sunday, April 2nd + April 9th (In the St. Katherine Community Center)***

Pre-order your Easter Sweets now + pick-up at sale so you have them for Easter

To order E-mail Kathy Connell: madgreekkathy@aol.com

Or contact: Marjie@st-katherine.org – 480 899-3330

Easter Bake Sale Order Form

<i># of Packages</i>		<i>Amount</i>
_____	<i>Koulourakia – 1 Dozen -</i>	<i>\$10.00 _____</i>
_____	<i>Macaroons (Gluten Free) – Pkg of 6 -</i>	<i>\$8.00 _____</i>
_____	<i>Baklava – Pkg of 6 pieces -</i>	<i>\$18.00 _____</i>
_____	<i>Tsourekji - Sweet Bread - 1 Lg. Loaf -</i>	<i>\$15.00 _____</i>
_____	<i>Variety Pack – Includes:</i>	<i>\$25.00 _____</i>
	<i>8 Petite Pcs Baklava + 6 Macaroons + 6 Koulourakia,</i>	
_____	<i>Hostess Platter - Holiday wrapped tray includes:</i>	<i>\$35.00 _____</i>
	<i>12 Petite Pcs Baklava + 6 Koulourakia + 8 Macaroons</i>	
	<i>Total _____</i>	

Name _____ 7 Phone # _____

Myrrh Bearer Practice

Myrrh Bearer's practice will be today after Liturgy. 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 the Holy Altar. This training is important for all 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

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.

To register: <https://stkatherineaz.org/altar-server-retreat-registration>



+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



Dance Group Luminaries

The St. Katherine's Dance Group will have luminaries available in the Community Center April 2nd and 9th. They will be set out for Holy Friday Procession.

*donations greatly appreciated



Prayer Requests

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

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

Living:

- Maggie Thomas, for health and healing
- Anastasia ,for healing
- Photinia, for health and healing
- Mary & Jack, for bereavement
- 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 strength and God's grace.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: Scott Fagerberg
- For our Seminarians: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis, Nikolas Makarios, Andrew Moreno



Departed:

- Lourie Campbell +
- Alex Katsanakis +

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

St. Irene Philoptochos News



Easter Bake Sale

Philoptochos annual Easter Bake Sale April 2nd & 9th! (Order form on page 7.)

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.

All Saints Camp

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

All Saints Summer Camp will be hosted at [The Springs at UCYC](#) 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.

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 allsaintscamparizona.org. With questions, please contact us at info@allsaintscamparizona.org.¹⁰

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

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



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
President, Arizona Hellenic Foundation

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: daloudakis@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 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

Thank you for your commitment.