

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**April 23rd, 2023  
Thomas Sunday**

## **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  
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## **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

### **Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday**

While the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave, O Christ God; and while the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Ἐσφραγισμένου τοῦ μνήματος, ἡ Ζωὴ ἐκ τάφου ἀνέτειλας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, τοῖς Μαθηταῖς ἐπέστης, ἡ πάντων ἀνάστασις· Πνεῦμα εὐθὲς δι' αὐτῶν ἐγκαινίζων ἡμῖν, κατὰ τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

### **Apolytikion for St. George**

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### **Kontakion of Pascha**

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

## **Epistle Reading**

### **Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11**

.About that time, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church.

The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

## Πράξεις Αποστόλων 12:1-11

Κατ' ἐκεῖνον τὸν καιρὸν ἐπέβαλεν Ἡρώδης ὁ βασιλεὺς τὰς χεῖρας κακῶσαί τινας τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ἀνεῖλε δὲ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν Ἰωάννου μαχαίρα. Καὶ ἰδὼν ὅτι ἀρεστὸν ἔστι τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις, προσέθετο συλλαβεῖν καὶ Πέτρον· ἦσαν δὲ αἱ ἡμέραι τῶν ἀζύμων· ὃν καὶ πιάσας ἔθετο εἰς φυλακὴν, παραδοὺς τέσσαρσι τετραδίοις στρατιωτῶν φυλάσσειν αὐτόν, βουλόμενος μετὰ τὸ Πάσχα ἀναγαγεῖν αὐτὸν τῷ λαῷ. Ὁ μὲν οὖν Πέτρος ἐτηρεῖτο ἐν τῇ φυλακῇ· προσευχὴ δὲ ἦν ἐκτενὴς γινομένη ὑπὸ τῆς ἐκκλησίας πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ. Ὅτε δὲ ἔμελλεν αὐτὸν προάγειν ὁ Ἡρώδης, τῇ νυκτὶ ἐκείνῃ ἦν ὁ Πέτρος κοιμώμενος μεταξὺ δύο στρατιωτῶν δεδεμένος ἀλύσει διοσί, φύλακές τε πρὸ τῆς θύρας ἐτήρουν τὴν φυλακὴν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου ἐπέστη καὶ φῶς ἔλαμψεν ἐν τῷ οἰκήματι· πατάξας δὲ τὴν πλευρὰν τοῦ Πέτρου ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν λέγων· ἀνάστα ἐν τάχει. καὶ ἐξέπεσον αὐτοῦ αἱ ἀλύσεις ἐκ τῶν χειρῶν εἶπέ τε ὁ Ἄγγελος πρὸς αὐτόν· περιζῶσαι καὶ ὑπόδησαι τὰ σανδάλιά σου. Ἐποίησε δὲ οὕτως· καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· περιβαλοῦ τὸ ἱμάτιόν σου καὶ ἀκολούθει μοι. Καὶ ἐξελθὼν ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ, καὶ οὐκ ᾔδει ὅτι ἀληθὲς ἔστι τὸ γινόμενον διὰ τοῦ ἀγγέλου, ἐδόκει δὲ ὄραμα βλέπειν. Διελθόντες δὲ πρῶτην φυλακὴν καὶ δευτέραν ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν πύλην τὴν σιδηρὰν τὴν φέρουσαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν, ἥτις αὐτομάτῃ ἠνοιχθῆ αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἐξελθόντες προῆλθον ῥύμην μίαν· καὶ εὐθέως ἀπέστη ὁ Ἄγγελος ἀπ' αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ὁ Πέτρος γενόμενος ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἶπε· νῦν οἶδα ἀληθῶς ὅτι ἐξαπέστειλε Κύριος τὸν Ἄγγελον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξείλετό με ἐκ χειρὸς Ἡρώδου καὶ πάσης τῆς προσδοκίας τοῦ λαοῦ τῶν Ἰουδαίων.

### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

Ἰωάννην 20:19-31

Οὔσης ὀψίας τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων, καὶ τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων ὅπου ἦσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ συνηγμένοι διὰ τὸν φόβον τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἔδειξεν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ· ἐχάρησαν οὖν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες τὸν Κύριον. Εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, καθὼς ἀπέσταλκε με ὁ πατήρ, κἀγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς. Καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν ἐνεφύσησε καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Λάβετε Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον. Ἄν τινας ἀφῆτε τὰς ἁμαρτίας, ἀφίενται αὐτοῖς, ἂν τινας κρατήτε, κεκράτηνται. Θωμᾶς δὲ, εἷς ἐκ τῶν δώδεκα, ὁ λεγόμενος Δίδυμος, οὐκ ἦν μετ' αὐτῶν ὅτε ἦλθεν Ἰησοῦς· ἔλεγον οὖν αὐτῷ οἱ ἄλλοι μαθηταὶ· Ἐωράκαμεν τὸν Κύριον. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἐὰν μὴ ἴδω ἐν ταῖς χερσίν αὐτοῦ τὸν τύπον τῶν ἥλων, καὶ .

βάλω τὸν δάκτυλόν μου εἰς τὸν τύπον τῶν ἡλῶν, καὶ βάλω τὴν χεῖρά μου εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν αὐτοῦ, οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω. Καὶ μεθ' ἡμέρας ὀκτῶ πάλιν ἦσαν ἔσω οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ Θωμᾶς μετ' αὐτῶν. Ἔρχεται ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων, καὶ ἔστη εἰς τὸ μέσον καὶ εἶπεν· Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν. Εἶτα λέγει τῷ Θωμᾶ· φέρε τὸν δάκτυλόν σου ὧδε, καὶ ἴδε τὰς χεῖράς μου. καὶ φέρε τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ βάλε εἰς τὴν πλευρὰν μου, καὶ μὴ γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός. Καὶ ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Θωμᾶς, καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ὁ Κύριός μου καὶ ὁ Θεός μου. Λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ὅτι ἐώρακάς με πεπίστευκας, μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες, καὶ πιστεύσαντες. Πολλὰ μὲν οὖν καὶ ἄλλα σημεῖα ἐποίησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐνώπιον τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, ἃ οὐκ ἔστιν γεγραμμένα ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τούτῳ· ταῦτα δὲ γέγραπται ἵνα πιστεύσητε ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἵνα πιστεύοντες, ζωὴν ἔχητε ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

### Today we Commemorate:

- **George the Great Martyr and Triumphant**
- **Martyrs Emmanuel, Theodore, George, Michael and the other George of Samothrace**

George, this truly great and glorious Martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honoured for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. (The translation of the Saint's holy relics to the church in Lydda is commemorated on November 3; Saint Alexandra the Queen, on April 21.)

### Upcoming Services — Week of April 23rd

**Sunday, April 23rd – Thomas Sunday**

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Fellowship Hour:** Sponsored by the Parish Council

**Saturday, April 29th**

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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

## 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.gearch.org/chapel/calendar>

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

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

**Please silence cell phones when in church.**



## 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.

## Mother's Day Brunch

Save the Date! The Parish Council men will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 14th. Details coming soon.



## Sunday School Graduation May 21st - Mark your calendar!



## 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.*



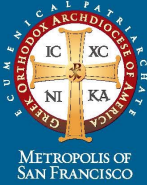
### Living:

- Dorothy, for health and healing
- John, for health and healing
- 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
- 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 +

METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY



# ENGAGING WITH DIGITAL MEDIA



**Saturday,  
April 29, 2023**  
**12 Noon PDT**



**Register [HERE](#) to  
receive the Zoom Link**

Join the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Society for an engaging keynote presentation addressing digital media use and early childhood learning. Explore practical ways digital media impacts your child's development and well-being.

### Families will learn:

- What research tells us about digital media use and brain development
- Simple ways to engage your child with technology
- How to create a plan for healthy technology use

### Guest Speaker **Jamie Nunez**



As the Western Regional Manager at Common Sense Media, Jamie Nunez supports state education agencies, school leaders, and parents across the western region of the U.S. in their efforts to address digital literacy skills. For over 20 years, Jamie has redefined tech use in schools by incorporating students' digital lives in the classroom. As a former high school teacher, vice-principal, and after-school director, Jamie has trained thousands of educators and parents on how to support student learning in digital spaces. When not working, Jamie can be found in the ocean teaching his 7-year-old how to swim.



**For more information, contact 415-431-2600 or [office@sfphiloptochos.org](mailto:office@sfphiloptochos.org).**



## 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](mailto:office@st-katherine.org) as well as to our webmaster, Jerry Vasilatos at: [retiredjerry@cox.net](mailto:retiredjerry@cox.net)

## St. Irene Philoptochos News



### All Saints Camp Scholarships Available

St. Irene Philoptochos has scholarship funds (providing up to 50% of registration fees per camper) available for St. Katherine youth. Recipients are asked to make a presentation on their camp experience at a future Philoptochos Meeting.

For more information please contact: [Marjie@st-katherine.org](mailto:Marjie@st-katherine.org)

### 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](http://allsaintscamparizona.org). With questions, please contact us at [info@allsaintscamparizona.org](mailto:info@allsaintscamparizona.org).

## Welcome Ministry



If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Yiota for more information: [yiotasoublis@hotmail.com](mailto:yiotasoublis@hotmail.com)

## 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



## 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](mailto:dlaloudakis@yahoo.com)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:frtimskchurch@gmail.com)

## 2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!



**122 Steward Families have pledged \$285,935**

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.***