

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**April 30th, 2023
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**

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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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

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραυγάζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion

Then he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελών, τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο· ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης, Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion

The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, "Ointments are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted the world His great mercy."

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις γυναίξι, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια· Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδειχθη ἀλλότριος· ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναίξι Μυροφόροις φθειγᾶμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Epistle Reading

Acts 6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Ἀποστόλων 6:1-7

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἄρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσωμεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλῆθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχέα, οὓς ἕστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευζάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἠύξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from

the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Μάρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἄριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτῆς, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἔδωκῆσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδὸνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσῆ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμῃ ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. Καὶ λίαν πρῶτὴ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείναντος τοῦ ἡλίου. Καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιαῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρητῶνα τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. Ἄλλ' ὑπάγετε εἴπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women**
- **James the Apostle and brother of St. John the Theologian**
- **Argyra the New Martyr**
- **Clement the Hymnographer**

James was one of the Twelve, like his brother John (celebrated on Sept. 26), whom the Lord called "Sons of Thunder," because they became great preachers and because of their profound theology. It was the Saint's boldness in preaching the Gospel that Herod Agrippa, the son of Aristobulus and grandson of Herod the Great, could not endure, and so he took him into custody during the days of the Passover, and slew him with the sword (Acts 12: 1-2); and thus he drank the cup of which the Saviour had spoken to him prophetically (Matt. 20:23). As for Herod, the following year he went down to Caesarea, and, as the Acts of the Apostles records: "Upon a set day, Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration" to the elders of Tyre and Sidon; and the flatterers that surrounded him "gave a shout, saying, 'it is the voice of a god, and not of a man.' And immediately an Angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory; and like his grandfather (see Dec. 29) "he was eaten of worms and gave up the spirit" (Acts 12:21-23)

Upcoming Services—Week of April 30th

Sunday, April 30th – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

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

Memorial Service: Alex Katsanakis–40 Days, **Artoklasia:** Offered by Andrew Moreno

Fellowship Hour: Sponsored by the Parish Council

Saturday, May 6th: No Great Vespers

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

The men of the Parish Council will be hosting a delicious Mother's Day Brunch after Liturgy on Sunday, May 14th.



Menu: Quiche, sliced ham, fresh fruit, muffin
\$20.00 per person, Complimentary for Moms

Special Macaroni & Cheese meal at no charge for kids under 10

Reservations are required.

Please RSVP to: office@st-katherine.org by Thursday, May 11th.

Stewardship/Giving Option



Do you know that you can now donate shares of your appreciated stock to St Katherine?

Donating stock to charity can be an excellent tax planning strategy!

You may be able to enjoy two tax benefits:

- Avoid the capital gains tax you'd pay if you sold the stock -and-
- If you itemize deductions you can claim a charitable deduction equal to the stock's fair market value.

Consult your tax advisor for further information.

St Katherine will sell the donated stock and get the fair market value without paying tax since we are a registered 501(c3).

Note: St Katherine will not hold gifted stock. We will sell it immediately and deposit the cash in our bank account.

The [Stock Gift Transfer Form](https://stkatherineaz.org/donatingstock) can be found at: <https://stkatherineaz.org/donatingstock> Please contact Glenn Thorpe if you have any questions: email: gphxaz@protonmail.com

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

Deceased:

- Lourie Campbell +
- Alex Katsanakis +

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

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 (Deadline-April 30)
- Late Registration: \$525 (May 1-15)

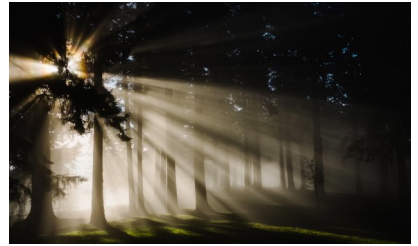
All Saints Summer Camp will be hosted at [The Springs at UCYC](#) in Prescott, Arizona, May 30-June 3! This annual program is available to all youth entering third grade through those who just graduated high school.

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.

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

Sunday School Graduation Mark your calendar!



All parishioners are invited to Sunday School Graduation after liturgy on Sunday, May 21st.

We would like to give special recognition to our high school graduates. Parents of graduating seniors-please send a picture and paragraph about their accomplishments and plans for the future to Maria Boritas: satirob099@yahoo.com. This will be read during our graduation ceremony.

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. 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



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

2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!



125 Steward Families have pledged \$289,385

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.