

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**June 25th, 2023
3rd Sunday of Matthew**

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

Resurrection Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, then You slayed Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You also raised the dead out of the netherworld, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

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

Apolytikion of the New Martyrs after the Fall of Constantinople

Overturning the ancient delusion, O New-martyrs, ye have struggled fiercely and have exalted the Faith of the Orthodox, for in disgracing the cult of the impious, ye boldly preached Jesus Christ to be perfect God. Intercede ye now unceasingly in behalf of us that God's great mercy may be granted unto us.

Νέοι Μάρτυρες, παλαιάν πλάνην, καταστρέψαντες, ὕψωσαν πίστιν, τῶν Ὁρθοδόξων, καὶ στερρῶς ἠγωνίσθησαν τὴν γὰρ ἀνόμων θρησκείαν ἐλέγξαντες, ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστὸν ἀνεκήρυξαν, Θεὸν τέλειον. Καὶ νῦν ἀπαύστως πρεσβεύουσι, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν 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 κομποὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion- Protection of Christians

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.

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

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our

sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Ῥωμαίους 5:1-10

Ἀδελφοί, δικαιοθέντες οὖν ἐκ πίστεως, εἰρήνην ἔχομεν πρὸς τὸν θεὸν διὰ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ καὶ τὴν προσαγωγὴν ἐσχήκαμεν τῇ πίστει εἰς τὴν χάριν ταύτην ἐν ἣ ἔσθήκαμεν, καὶ καυχώμεθα ἐπ' ἐλπίδι τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ. Οὐ μόνον δέ, ἀλλὰ καὶ καυχώμεθα ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσιν, εἰδότες ὅτι ἡ θλίψις ὑπομονὴν κατεργάζεται, ἡ δὲ ὑπομονὴ δοκιμὴν, ἡ δὲ δοκιμὴ ἐλπίδα· ἡ δὲ ἐλπίς οὐ κατασχύνει, ὅτι ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ ἐκκέχυται ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου τοῦ δοθέντος ἡμῖν. Ἔτι γὰρ Χριστὸς, ὄντων ἡμῶν ἀσθενῶν, κατὰ καιρὸν ὑπὲρ ἀσεβῶν ἀπέθανεν. Μόλις γὰρ ὑπὲρ δικαίου τις ἀποθανεῖται· ὑπὲρ γὰρ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ τάχα τις καὶ τολμᾷ ἀποθανεῖν. Συνίστησιν δὲ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ἀγάπην εἰς ἡμᾶς ὁ θεός, ὅτι ἔτι ἁμαρτωλῶν ὄντων ἡμῶν Χριστὸς ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἀπέθανεν. Πολλῶ οὖν μᾶλλον, δικαιοθέντες νῦν ἐν τῷ αἵματι αὐτοῦ, σωθησόμεθα δι' αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῆς ὀργῆς. Εἰ γὰρ ἐχθροὶ ὄντες κατηλλάγημεν τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ θανάτου τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ, πολλῶ μᾶλλον καταλλαγέντες σωθησόμεθα ἐν τῇ ζωῇ αὐτοῦ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Ματθαῖον 6:22-33

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὁ λύχνος τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν ὁ ὀφθαλμός· ἐὰν οὖν ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου ἄπλοῦς ἦ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου φωτεινόν ἐσται· ἐὰν δὲ ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου πονηρὸς ἦ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου

σκοτεινὸν ἔσται. εἰ οὖν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἐν σοὶ σκότος ἐστί, τὸ σκότος πόσον; Οὐδεὶς δύναται δυοὶ κυρίους δουλεύειν· ἢ γὰρ τὸν ἓνα μισήσει καὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἀγαπήσει, ἢ ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου καταφρονήσει. οὐ δύνασθε Θεῷ δουλεύειν καὶ μαμωνᾷ. Διὰ τοῦτο λέγω ὑμῖν, μὴ μεριμνᾶτε τῇ ψυχῇ ὑμῶν τί φάγητε καὶ τί πίητε, μηδὲ τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν τί ἐνδύσησθε· οὐχὶ ἡ ψυχὴ πλεῖον ἐστὶ τῆς τροφῆς καὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἐνδύματος; ἐμβλέψατε εἰς τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ὅτι οὐ σπεύρουσιν οὐδὲ θερίζουσιν οὐδὲ συνάγουσιν εἰς ἀποθήκας, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος τρέφει αὐτά· οὐχ ὑμεῖς μᾶλλον διαφέρετε αὐτῶν; τίς δὲ ἐξ ὑμῶν μεριμνῶν δύναται προσθεῖναι ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλικίαν αὐτοῦ πηχυν ἓνα; καὶ περὶ ἐνδύματος τί μεριμνᾶτε; καταμάθετε τὰ κρίνα τοῦ ἀγροῦ πῶς αὐξάνει· οὐ κοπιᾷ οὐδὲ νήθει· λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδὲ Σολομὸν ἐν πάσῃ τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ περιεβάλετο ὡς ἐν τούτων. Εἰ δὲ τὸν χόρτον τοῦ ἀγροῦ, σήμερον ὄντα καὶ αὔριον εἰς κλίβανον βαλλόμενον, ὁ Θεὸς οὕτως ἀμφιέννυσιν, οὐ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ὑμᾶς, ὀλιγόπιστοι; μὴ οὖν μεριμνήσητε λέγοντες, τί φάγωμεν ἢ τί πίωμεν ἢ τί περιβαλώμεθα; πάντα γὰρ ταῦτα τὰ ἔθνη ἐπιζητεῖ· οἶδε γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος ὅτι χρῆζετε τούτων ἀπάντων. ζητεῖτε δὲ πρῶτον τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν δικαιοσύνην αὐτοῦ, καὶ ταῦτα πάντα προστεθήσεται ὑμῖν.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist**
- **The Righteous Martyr Febronia**
- **Methodius of Nevritos**

The Righteous Martyr Febronia– This Martyr practiced the ascetic discipline in Nisibis of Mesopotamia; she was of such great beauty that the report of her came to the persecutor Selenus, and every attempt was made to make her deny Christ. After many horrible tortures, she was cruelly dismembered by the executioners, then beheaded, in the year 310 (or, according to some, in 302, during the reign of Diocletian).

Services—Week of June 25th

Sunday, June 25th

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 29th–Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

5:30 p.m. Orthros

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 1st–Sts. Cosmas & Damian

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Helpful Information:

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

Sunday School: On recess for the summer

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.agesdigitalchantstand.com)

*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.



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: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

St. Irene Philoptochos News



Our newly-elected board members (Carol Bafaloukos, Jackie Bafaloukos, Lisa Bafaloukos, Linda Blaze, Kathy Connell, Dianne Evripidou, Nia Kouchis, Michele Lotakis, Vangela Mitchell, Kathy Sky, and Marjie Thorpe) will be taking the Oath of Office following dismissal of Liturgy this morning.

Community Center Closed for Maintenance in July

There will be no Fellowship Hour after Liturgy during the month of July. We have done this for the past few years in order to complete needed maintenance in the Community Center.

Regular Fellowship Hour will resume following Liturgy on August 6th.

Thank you for your understanding!



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:

- Corcovelos family for bereavement
- Martha Columbus for health and healing
- Katheryn, for health and recovery from surgery
- Oxana, for bereavement and safe travels
- Angie Lambides, for recovery from surgery
- Constantinos & Constantina, for bereavement
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For our parishioners serving in armed services.
- For our Seminarians: Emmanuel Aspiotis, Nikolas Makarios, Andrew Moreno.

Departed:

- Gloria Corcovelos- newly departed +
- Aphrodite- newly departed +
- Anatoliy- newly departed +
- Yuri +

Greek Heritage Night at Chase Field

Saturday, August 26, 2023

OPA! The Diamondbacks are excited to invite YOU to celebrate our first ever Greek Heritage Night at Chase Field.



Your Special Event package includes a ticket to the Saturday, August 26 game vs. the Cincinnati Reds and a limited-edition Greek Heritage ball cap.

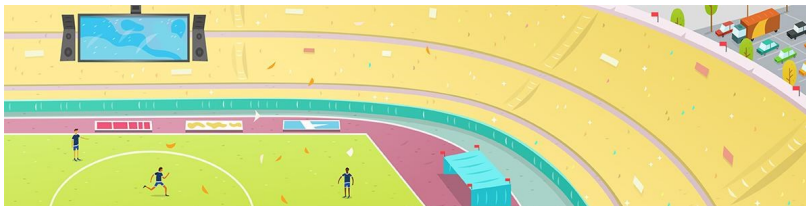
There is LIMITED AVAILABILITY for the hat, so buy your tickets NOW! Show off your Greek pride and enjoy our Greek Heritage entertainment.

AHEPA 454 Brothers, Friends & Family will be attending to support our Arizona Greek Community

Many of us have already purchased tickets in section 133 Rows 19 to 22.

If you want to get tickets, click on the link below and purchase your tickets soon so we can sit together. [Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

Summer Youth Retreat



St Katherine's Youth Ministry Team is hosting a:

Champions of Faith

Summer Youth Retreat

Saturday, July 22nd from 10 am - 2 pm

in the community center.

The retreat is geared toward children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. Older Youth are invited to register to help lead activities.

In addition to a day of learning and activities, we will be filling backpacks to donate to foster children. Registration is free.

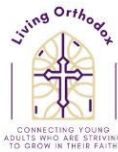
Please complete this form to sign-up: [St Katherine Champions of Faith Youth Retreat](#)

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

Young Adult League Potluck and Discussion



Living Orthodox Potluck and Discussion



Please join us for our next potluck on **Sunday, June 25th** at 5:30 pm! The Honorable Connie Contes (Holy Trinity) will be sharing her experience of incorporating faith in her judicial and legal career.

Sunday, June 25th | 5:30 pm
Holy Trinity Cathedral - Speros Center (Small Hall)
1973 E. Maryland Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85016



RSVP at
<https://tinyurl.com/HTCphx>

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

Welcome Ministry



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

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com


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Young Adult Ministry

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Are you 18-29 and interested in joining a young adult ministry at Saint Katherine?

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Fill out the form to register your interest. We will contact you soon with more information.



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

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

2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!



126 families have pledged \$289,905
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.