

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**July 9th, 2023
5th 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
Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus
Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

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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

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples said to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος 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

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 ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα αἰεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring

Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Ῥωμαίους 10:1-10

Ἀδελφοί, ἡ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ δέησις ἡ πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ ἐστὶν εἰς σωτηρίαν. Μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὅτι ζῆλον θεοῦ ἔχουσιν, ἀλλ' οὐ κατ' ἐπίγνωσιν. Ἄγνοοῦντες γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην, καὶ τὴν ἰδίαν δικαιοσύνην ζητοῦντες στήσαι, τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐχ ὑπετάγησαν. Τέλος γὰρ νόμου Χριστὸς εἰς δικαιοσύνην παντὶ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Μωϋσῆς γὰρ γράφει τὴν δικαιοσύνην τὴν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου, ὅτι ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὰ ἄνθρωπος ζήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς. Ἡ δὲ ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοσύνη οὕτως λέγει, Μὴ εἴπηρς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου, Τίς ἀναβήσεται εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν; - τοῦτ' ἐστὶν Χριστὸν καταγαγεῖν - ἢ, Τίς καταβήσεται εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον; - τοῦτ' ἐστὶν Χριστὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναγαγεῖν. Ἀλλὰ τί λέγει; Ἐγγύς σου τὸ ῥῆμα ἐστὶν, ἐν τῷ στόματί σου καὶ ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου· τοῦτ' ἐστὶν τὸ ῥῆμα τῆς πίστεως ὃ κηρύσσομεν· ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσῃς ἐν τῷ στόματί σου κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καὶ πιστεύσῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ὅτι ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν, σωθήσῃ· καρδίᾳ γὰρ πιστεύεται εἰς δικαιοσύνην, στόματι δὲ ὁμολογεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Ματθαῖον 8:28-34, 9:1

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντος τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὸ πέραν εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γεργεσηνῶν ὑπήντησαν αὐτῷ δύο δαιμονιζόμενοι ἐκ τῶν μνημείων ἐξερχόμενοι, χαλεποὶ λίαν, ὥστε μὴ ἰσχύειν τινὰ παρελθεῖν διὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἐκείνης. καὶ ἰδοὺ ἔκραξαν λέγοντες· τί ἡμῖν καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἦλθες ὧδε πρὸ καιροῦ βασανίσαι ἡμᾶς; ἦν δὲ μακρὰν ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀγέλη χοίρων πολλῶν βοσκομένη. οἱ δὲ δαίμονες παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· εἰ ἐκβάλλεις ἡμᾶς, ἐπίτρεψον ἡμῖν ἀπελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ὑπάγετε. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες ἀπήλθον εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὤρμησε πᾶσα ἡ ἀγέλη τῶν χοίρων κατὰ τοῦ κρημοῦ εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ ἀπέθανον ἐν τοῖς ὕδασι. οἱ δὲ βόσκοντες ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἀπήγγειλαν πάντα καὶ τὰ τῶν δαιμονιζομένων. καὶ ἰδοὺ πᾶσα ἡ πόλις ἐξήλθεν εἰς συνάντησιν τῷ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν παρεκάλεισαν ὅπως μεταβῆ ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.₃

Today we Commemorate:

- The Holy Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Tauromenium in Sicily
- Dionysios the Orator
- Metrophanes of Mount Athos

The Holy Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Tauromenium in Sicily—This Saint, who was a contemporary of the Apostles, had Antioch as his homeland, where he was guided to the Faith of Christ by Peter, the Chief of the Apostles. Later, he came to Sicily, where he brought many to the Faith, and was finally put to death by the pagans.

Services—Week of July 9th

Sunday, July 9th

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service: 40 Days— Aphrodite Chrest, Anatoliy Kirutkin

Saturday, July 15th—Great Vespers Cancelled

Fr. Timothy is on vacation through July 17th.

Fr. Phil will serve Liturgy on July 9th, and Fr. Alexander will serve on July 16th.

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

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: There will be no Fellowship Hour during July .

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.



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:

- Leo Condos, for health and healing
- Charlene, for health and healing during chemotherapy
- The Makarios Family, for God's blessings during their move to Greece
- Daniel, for God's help during a time of trouble and difficulty
- John, for suitable employment
- Corcovelos family for bereavement
- Martha Columbus for health and healing
- Katheryn, for health and recovery from surgery
- Oxana, for bereavement
- 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

Departed:

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

Women's Ministry

Date: Saturday, July 15

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Nando's Mexican Restaurant, 1890 W Germann Road
(Corner of Dobson and Germann in Chandler)
Please RSVP to Athena Vasilatos (480-242-6658) by July 12 to attend.



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!



St. Irene Philoptochos News

Thanks to the generosity of those who gave to our Water Drive, we were able donate \$800 to Phoenix Rescue mission.

We are pleased to be able to donate snacks to the kids of St. Katherine at the upcoming youth day. Also, Philoptochos will be providing lunch for the kids.



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-katherineaz.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

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:

**Champions of Faith
Summer Youth Retreat
Saturday, July 22nd from 10 am -2 pm
in the community center.**



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

In addition to a day of learning and fun 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](#)

If you would like to donate for the backpack project, please sign-up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44AEAE2FA6FDO-backpack>

MONASTERY PILGRIMAGES

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY TO NEARBY MONASTERIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

ST. ANTHONY'S MONASTERY

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM



MEN ARE KINDLY ASKED TO DRESS MODESTLY AND APPROPRIATELY AT ALL TIMES WITH LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS THAT REACH TO THE WRIST AND PANTS. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING SHORTS. WOMEN ARE KINDLY ASKED TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVED, LOOSE-FITTING SHIRTS THAT FULLY COVER THE CHEST UP TO THE NECK; LONG SKIRTS (OR DRESSES WITHOUT DEEP SLITS; SCARVES THAT COVER THE CHEST UP TO THE NECK, SO THAT THE NECK IS ALSO COVERED. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING LIPSTICK WHEN VENERATING HOLY ICONS AND RELICS. PLEASE REMOVE ANY VISIBLE FACE OR BODY PIERCING JEWELRY.

ASSUMPTION
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

RSVP BY JULY 8, 2023
ASSUMPTIONAZ.ORG/MONASTERY
*TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE WITH ADDITIONAL FEE

FUTURE EXCURSIONS:
SEPT 29-30 - OVERNIGHT @ ST. PAISIUS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

[IRENE KUFNER - IKUFNER@KUFNERBOOKKEEPING.COM](mailto:IKUFNER@KUFNERBOOKKEEPING.COM)

Sunday School Teachers Needed



We are beginning to plan for next year. If you are interested in teaching (either weekly, every other week or occasionally substituting), please email Maria: satirob099@yahoo.com

Thank you and please reach out if you have any questions,
Maria Morton - 480-326-7921

Welcome Ministry



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

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com

Young Adult Ministry

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— Greek Orthodox Church —
**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!



130 families have pledged \$291,256

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.