

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**July 16th, 2023
Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

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.

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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

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠῤῥόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion for the Fathers

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας·
πολυεύσπλαγγνε, δόξα σοι.

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 entertains 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 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 ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Τίτον 3:8-15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιουῖσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίτασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἀνθρώπων μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ᾤσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Ματθαῖον 5:14-19

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Athenogenes the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis**
- **Julia the Virgin - martyr of Carthage**
- **1,015 Martyrs in Pisidia**

Athenogenes the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis - This Saint was from Sebastia of Cappadocia and, according to the Synaxaristes, became Bishop of Pidachthoa. He and ten of his disciples were tortured and beheaded by the Governor of Philomarchus in the times of Diocletian. There is a second Martyr Athenogenes commemorated today, mentioned by Saint Basil in Chapter 29 of his treatise "On the Holy Spirit"; it is said that as this Athenogenes approached the fire, wherein he was to die a martyric death, he chanted the hymn O Joyous Light in praise of the Holy Trinity (see also Mar. 11)

Services — Week of July 16th

Sunday, July 16th

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 21st

6:00 p.m. Vigil Service in honor of St Mary Magdalene and St Markella of Chios

Saturday, July 22nd

8:30 a.m. Liturgy in honor of St. Mary Magdalene & St. Markella of Chios

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Fr. Timothy is on vacation through July 17th.

Fr. Alexander Eliades will serve Liturgy 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: ftrtimskchurch@gmail.com

Vigil Service

We are planning to hold a vigil service on the evening of Friday, July 21st, in honor of St. Mary Magdalene the Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles, and St. Markella the Virgin-martyr of Chios. We will have a liturgy the following morning, Saturday July 22nd.

What is a vigil?

A vigil is a festive service held to celebrate Great Feasts and highly venerated saints. They are commonly held the evening before the feast or saint's day.

Why do we hold vigils?

Besides being a way to festively honor feasts and beloved saints, vigils provide an excellent opportunity to step outside of our busy schedules and pray together for a few hours. Vigils last a little longer than the ordinary services held every week, allowing us extra time to fully let go of worldly cares and concerns and enter into prayer and worship.

What is a vigil service like?

A vigil combines vespers, orthros and the Divine Liturgy into one service, so if you have attended any of those services, you'll probably recognize elements of the vigil. For example, during the vespers portion of the service, we chant Lord I Have Cried, O Gladsome Light and read from the Old Testament. Vigils also have additional festive elements, such as chanting the poyeleos (O Give Thanks Unto the Lord) and other psalms. While some vigils can last many hours (this is why they are sometimes called an "all-night vigil"), they can also be completed in just a few hours, especially in a parish setting. Vigils can also be split into two parts, with vespers and orthros held in the evening and liturgy celebrated the next morning.

Who are the saints that we will be celebrating?

According to the Gospels, St. Mary Magdalene followed Christ after He had cast out seven demons from her. She was present at Christ's Crucifixion, was one of the myrrh-bearing women who went to the tomb to anoint Him, and was one of the first to see Him after He had risen from the dead. According to Holy Tradition, St. Mary Magdalene preached alongside the other Apostles after Pentecost. For this reason, she is called "Equal to the Apostles."

St. Markella has been revered for many years in Volissos, Chios, and recently has become more widely known. According to tradition, she was exceptionally virtuous, and was raised by her father after the death of her mother. However, her father developed the desire to live with her as if she were his wife. Rather than submit to him, St. Markella fled, but he pursued her and killed her. Numerous miracles have been attributed to St. Markella up to the present day, especially at the site of her martyrdom.

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

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.)

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

We humbly ask that our congregation remember the following names in prayer. You may not personally know each of these people, but as members of our community they have asked us to pray. God knows each one's need and what is best, it is only up to us to say their names in prayer before God. Remember that the scriptures instruct us to bear one another's burden and to pray for one another. The church provides a time for this during the liturgy. Perhaps you can listen shortly before we say the Lord's Prayer when we are instructed to pray for the sick and the suffering and those traveling and all the people. And then the priest says "And all those each of us call to mind". This is the perfect chance to look at this list and call to mind those who have asked for our prayers. Remember also your family and friends. At home perhaps one day a week you can add the list during your daily prayer. Here is our list for this week:



Living:

- Todd Herring, for health and healing
- Leo Condos, for health and healing
- Charlene, for health and healing during chemotherapy
- The Makarios Family, for God's protection and aid
- Daniel, for God's help during a time of trouble and difficulty
- John, for suitable employment
- Corcovelos family 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 +

St. Irene Philoptochos News

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

We are pleased to be able to donate snacks and providing lunch for the kids attending the upcoming youth day.



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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Saint Katherine
— 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

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/4090D44AEAE2FA6FD0-backpack>

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!



Icon Decoration Sponsorship Request Form

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church at the following times of the year:

- September 8th The Nativity of the Theotokos
- September 21st The Exaltation of the Cross (Red)
- November 21st The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos
- November 25th St. Katherine the Great Martyr
- December 25th The Nativity of Christ (Red & White)
- January 6th Theophany (White)
- February 2nd The Presentation of Christ
- March 25th The Annunciation of the Theotokos
- Akathist Services (Five Fridays in Great Lent)
- Palm Sunday (Sunday before Pascha) (White)
- Every Service during Holy Week beginning Sunday evening with the Bridegroom Service (Sunday evening through Holy Pascha)
- Holy Pascha (White)
- The Ascension of Christ (40 days after Pascha)
- Holy Pentecost (50 days after Pascha)
- August 6th The Transfiguration of Christ (White)
- August 15th The Dormition of the Theotokos (Red)



If you would like to sponsor the decoration of an icon of a saint or feast day not listed above, please complete the information below and return it to the church office, at least 4 weeks in advance and the Flower Ministry will decorate the appropriate icon for that day.

Donations are appreciated and will be designated specifically for the Flower Ministry.

Date of request: _____

Requested by: _____

Saint/Feast Day and Date: _____

In memory or in honor of: _____

For Office Use Only

Request received: _____ Approved by Fr. Timothy _____ Scheduled with Flower Ministry: _____

Included in Weekly Update: _____ Included in Bulletin: _____

Amount paid: _____ Check # _____

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 this year.



Light a Virtual Candle

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)



At times it may not be possible to physically go to church and light a candle, so we offer this option for those who would like to make an offering of prayer and faith by lighting a virtual candle.

<https://stkatherineaz.org/light-a-candle>

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.