

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**July 23rd, 2023
7th 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.

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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 the angelic powers were at Your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, Who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of St Phocas

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Phocas. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν πρᾶξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Φωκά, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, 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 ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προσστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on

me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Ρωμαίους 15:1-7

Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρесе, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δώη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Ματθαῖον 9:27-35

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κρίζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεώχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁράτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξεληθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῆ ἐκείνῃ.

Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Today we Commemorate:

- Phocas the Holy Martyr, Bishop of Sinope
- Ezekiel the Prophet
- Pelagia the Righteous of Tinos

This saint was known for the many miracles he worked and for his apostolic zeal in shepherding the flock of Sinope. He contested for the Faith during the reign of the Emperor Trajan, in the year 102, when he was burned to death in a bath-house. A homily in his honour was composed by Saint John Chrysostom. The translation of his holy relics is celebrated on July 23.

Services — Week of July 23rd

Sunday, July 23rd

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service: Today's memorial is in memory of the victims of the 1974 Turkish invasion and occupation of the Republic of Cyprus.

Saturday, July 29th

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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

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: Closed through August 20th.

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:

- Olga Strickland, for bereavement
- 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

If you are not yet a member of Philoptochos, we invite you to join us in our philanthropic work! Membership applications are available in the Narthex.



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](#)

Bookstore will be closed until Sunday, August 20, 2023

Requests for specific icons, books, or supplies may be made by emailing Carol Stathopoulos at cnsgreekgreek@aol.com.

For icons please specify subject and size: 4x6", 8x10", 11x14", etc. Please note: icons take between 2 and 6 weeks for delivery depending on availability either here in the United States or in Greece.

For books please specify title and author.

For all other items please describe as accurately as possible: size, materials, and quantity. Bookstore will restock supplies such as charcoal, incense, candles, prayer cards, prayer ropes and bracelets, as in the past.

Future prices will reflect increases in product costs and shipping charges. Every effort is made to obtain the lowest prices for quality products. The bookstore pricing does not include a markup for profit. All bookstore personnel volunteer their time and efforts.



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!



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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**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

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: _____

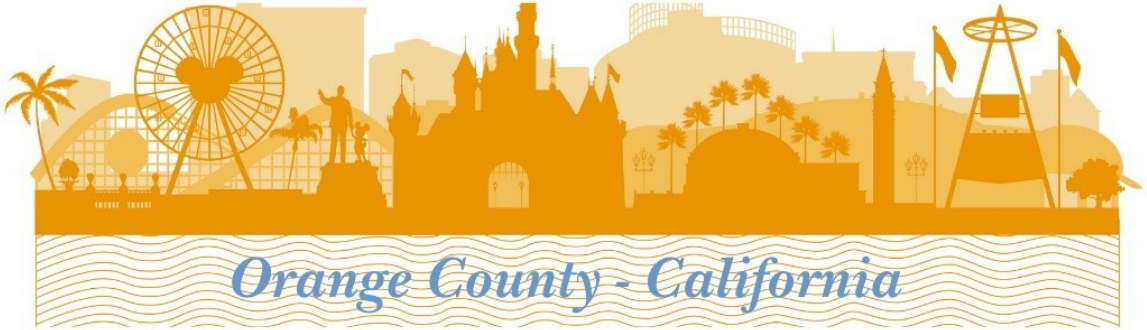
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YAL Conference

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4

HYATT REGENCY ORANGE COUNTY

Enjoy a weekend of fellowship, service, and worship - along with exploring all that SoCal has to offer!

www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL



*Registration Closes August 14
Deadlines on first-come-first serve basis*

Senior Resort Camp

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Family Wellness Ministry presents



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A
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**Monday, September 25 to
Friday, September 29, 2023**
Saint Nicholas Ranch
and Retreat Center
Dunlap, CA

\$550 per person
for single occupancy Lodge Room

\$400 per person
for double occupancy Lodge Room

\$325 per person
for Dormitory (shared occupancy)

*Senior Resort Camp
for adults aged
50 or better!*

Join us for good food, great company, and majestic experiences. And what Royal Adventure would be complete without high tea?

The adventure begins with registration on Monday afternoon. Our first Royal Feast will be Monday evening's dinner. The adventure concludes on Friday after breakfast.

Online registration available at http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Senior_Resort_Camp_2023

Scan this code and register today!

For more information, please contact Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, CA at 559-233-0397.



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.