

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**August 27th, 2023
12th 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:

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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

Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad, for the Lord has worked power with His arm; He has trampled upon death by death; He has become the first-born of the dead. From the bowels of Hades has He delivered us, and has granted great mercy to the world.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ

τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of St. Phanurius

A heavenly song of praise is brightly sung on the earth; the hosts of the Angels keep an earthly festival now in splendour and radiant joy; from on high, they praise with hymns thy sufferings and struggles; and below, the Church doth laud the heavenly glory thou foundest by thy contests and pains, O glorious Phanurius.

Οὐράνιον ἐφύμνιον, ἐν γῆ τελεῖται λαμπρῶς, ἐπίγειον πανήγυριν νῦν ἐορτάζει φαιδρῶς, ἀγγέλων πολίτευμα· ἄνωθεν ὑμνωδίαις εὐφημοῦσι τοὺς ἄθλους, κάτωθεν Ἐκκλησία τὴν οὐράνιον δόξαν· ἦν εὗρες πόνους καὶ ἄθλοις τοῖς σοῖς Φανούριε ἔνδοξε.

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 πανεὐφήμον νύμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐᾶ, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, χραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στειρά τίκει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Epistle Reading

Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he

though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Κορινθίους α' 15:1-11

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ὃ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, ὃ καὶ παρελάβετε, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ἐστήκατε, δι' οὐ καὶ σώζεσθε· τίνι λόγῳ εὐηγγελισάμην ὑμῖν, εἰ κατέχετε, ἐκτὸς εἰ μὴ εἰκὴ ἐπιστεύσατε. Παρέδωκα γὰρ ὑμῖν ἐν πρώτοις, ὃ καὶ παρέλαβον, ὅτι Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν κατὰ τὰς γραφάς· καὶ ὅτι ἐτάφη· καὶ ὅτι ἐγήγερται τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ κατὰ τὰς γραφάς· καὶ ὅτι ὥφθη Κηφᾶ, εἶτα τοῖς δώδεκα· ἔπειτα ὥφθη ἐπάνω πεντακοσίοις ἀδελφοῖς ἐφάπαξ, ἐξ ὧν οἱ πλείους μένουσιν ἕως ἄρτι, τινὲς δὲ καὶ ἐκοιμήθησαν· ἔπειτα ὥφθη Ἰακώβῳ, εἶτα τοῖς ἀποστόλοις πᾶσιν· ἔσχατον δὲ πάντων, ὡςπερὶ τῷ ἐκτρώματι, ὥφθη κάμοι. Ἐγὼ γάρ εἰμι ὁ ἐλάχιστος τῶν ἀποστόλων, ὃς οὐκ εἰμι ἰκανὸς καλεῖσθαι ἀπόστολος, διότι ἐδίωξα τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ. Χάριτι δὲ θεοῦ εἰμι ὃ εἰμι, καὶ ἡ χάρις αὐτοῦ ἡ εἰς ἐμὲ οὐ κενὴ ἐγενήθη, ἀλλὰ περισσότερον αὐτῶν πάντων ἐκοπίασα, οὐκ ἐγὼ δέ, ἀλλ' ἡ χάρις τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ σὺν ἐμοί. Εἶτε οὖν ἐγώ, εἶτε ἐκεῖνοι, οὕτως κηρύσσομεν καὶ οὕτως ἐπιστεύσατε.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Ματθαῖον 19:16-26

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νεανίσκος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, γονυπετῶν αὐτόν, καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ἀγαθὸν ποιήσω ἵνα ἔχω ζωὴν αἰώνιον; Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. εἰ δὲ θέλεις εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ζωὴν, τήρησον τὰς ἐντολάς. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίας; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε· τὸ οὐ φονεύσεις, οὐ μοιχεύσεις, οὐ κλέψεις, οὐ ψευδομαρτυρήσεις, τίμα τὸν πατέρα καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ νεανίσκος· πάντα ταῦτα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου· τί ἔτι ὑστερῶ; ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, ὕπαγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δός πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ νεανίσκος τὸν λόγον ἀπήλθε λυπούμενος· ἦν γὰρ ἔχων κτήματα πολλὰ. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι δυσκόλως πλούσιος εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. πάλιν δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν, εὐκοπώτερόν ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυπήματος ραφίδος διελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. ἀκούσαντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐξεπλήσσαντο σφόδρα λέγοντες· τίς ἄρα δύναται σωθῆναι; ἐμβλέψας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· παρὰ ἀνθρώποις τοῦτο ἀδύνατόν ἐστι, παρὰ δὲ Θεῷ πάντα δυνατὰ ἐστί.

Today we Commemorate:

- Pimen the Great
- Holy Martyr Phanurius
- Anthousa the Martyr

Holy Martyr Phanurius - Little is known of the holy Martyr Phanurius, except that which is depicted concerning his martyrdom on his holy icon, which was discovered in the year 1500 among the ruins of an ancient church on Rhodes, when the Moslems ruled there. Thus he is called "the Newly Revealed." The faithful pray to Saint Phanurius especially to help them recover things that have been lost, and because he has answered their prayers so often, the custom has arisen of baking a Phaneropita ("Phanurius-Cake") as a thanks-offering.

Services—Week of August 27th

Sunday, August 27th

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 29th— Beheading of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 2nd

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Welcome to Our Visitors



We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord , we 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: ftrtmskchurch@gmail.com

Helpful Information:

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

Sunday School: Begins Sept. 10th! Please register for the new year even if you have registered in the past. Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/12ASrQksKU4iRAGe8>

Fellowship Hour: Fellowship Hour is being hosted by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open 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 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.

Living:

- Tony, for healing from surgery
- Presvytera Victoria, for safe travels
- Fr. Timothy, for grace and strength for the coming month
- Sally Ann, for health and healing
- Adriana, for safe travels
- Matthew, for health, healing, and employment
- Leslie, for health and healing
- Olga, for bereavement
- John, for suitable employment
- For those impacted by the fires in Greece and Hawaii, and hurricane flooding
- For the families and volunteers at Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape in California
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved



Departed:

- Ron & Maria Davies

Collection for Maui Wildfire Relief

Support Maui Wildfire Relief

Philoptochos is sponsoring a collection for the victims of the Wildfires in Maui.

The funds raised for this purpose will be allocated to aid those affected by the wildfire and support the relief efforts.



Catechism Class begins September 10th

All classes will be held inside the church, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Register at: <https://stkatherineaz.org/catechism-fall-2023-interest>

September:

12th- The Holy Trinity
19th- Holy Tradition
26th- Church History 1

October:

3rd- Church History 2
10th- The Divine Liturgy
17th- Holy Mysteries 1
24th- Holy Mysteries 2

November:

7th- The Mother of God
14th- Spirituality 1
21st -Spirituality 2
28th- Spirituality 3

December:

5th- Icons & Architecture

NOTE: There will be no class on Tuesday October 31st.

Bookstore Open

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



Adults Greek Language Class

Beginners classes start October 11th on Zoom. They will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:15 pm and will continue until June. Knowledge of Greek is not a prerequisite.

We use a college-level textbook and workbook that incorporates basic grammar, vocabulary, and dialogue with an emphasis on pronunciation. *Tuition is \$75 monthly payable to St. Katherine, memo: Greek Language.*

To register: <https://stkatherineaz.org/greek-language-classes>

Sunday School Registration Now Open!

Please register for the new year even if you have registered in the past.

Our first day of Sunday School is September 10th.

[Click here to register for Sunday School](#)

Or contact Maria Morton 480-326-7921

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

Our annual **Auxiliary Fair** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10th**. We invite everyone to join us in the Community Center following the dismissal of Liturgy to explore the numerous opportunities offered by our ministries and organizations for fellowship and involvement.

Our next **Taverna Event** is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, **October 20th-21st**. We will need lots of volunteer. More details coming soon!

The **Fall General Assembly** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 5th**.

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member, please contact our Church office:
office@st-katherineaz.org or call
480-899-3330.

To subscribe to our newsletter please visit: <https://stkatherineaz.org/>

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 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.



St. Irene Philoptochos



MEETING TODAY AFTER LITURGY!

Philoptochos Members and Friends,

Our first meeting of the new season will be Sunday, August 27 at 11:30 in the 4th Acre House. Please come and join us to learn about our plans for the upcoming year of Philanthropy!

Coffee, snacks and childcare will be provided.

Visitors are always welcome!

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 14th The Exaltation of the Cross
- November 21st The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos
- November 25th St. Katherine the Great Martyr
- December 25th The Nativity of Christ
- January 6th Theophany
- 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)
- Every Service during Holy Week beginning Sunday evening with the Bridegroom Service (Sunday evening through Holy Pascha)
- Holy Pascha
- The Ascension of Christ (40 days after Pascha)
- Holy Pentecost (50 days after Pascha)
- August 6th The Transfiguration of Christ
- August 15th The Dormition of the Theotokos



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 # _____

Senior Resort Camp

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Family Wellness Ministry presents

Royal A ADVENTURE

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.



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

Welcome Ministry



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

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com

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: daloudakis@yahoo.com

2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!

136 families have pledged \$300,856

To establish/maintain stewardship, a Stewardship Pledge Card must be completed and submitted each year.

(Completing and submitting a new card each year enables our accountant to keep accurate records.)



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 |
| Annual Income | | | | | | |
| \$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.