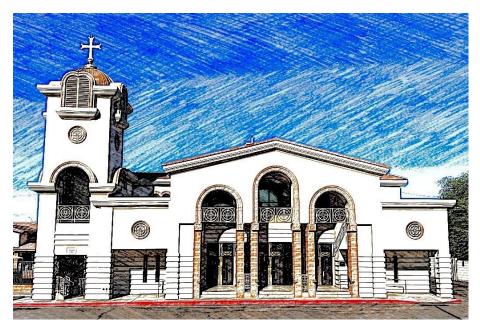
# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



September 10th, 2023 Sunday Before Holy Cross

# **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**

Let us worship the Word, Who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

#### Apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and be-stowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Ή γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἐδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

#### 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, Αἰκατερῖναν 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 ἐλεος.

#### 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.

Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὔα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἁγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἑορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι·

# **Epistle Reading** Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

#### Γαλάτας 6:11-18

Άδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῆ ἐμῆ χειρί. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι έν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῶ σταυρῶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ίνα έν τῆ ὑμετέρα σαρκὶ καυχήσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, κἀγὼ τῷ κόσμῳ. Έν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὕτε περιτομή τι ἰσχύει, οὕτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτω στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῶ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Η χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Άμήν.

## **Gospel Reading** John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

#### Ἰωάννην 3:13-17

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὤν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὕψωσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῆ ἐρήμῳ, ούτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' έχη ζώὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενή ἕδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἕχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἰὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνη τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῆ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

Today we Commemorate:

- Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs
- Poulcheria the Empress
- Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

**Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs**-These Martyrs, sisters according to the flesh, were from Bithynia. They lived in virginity on a mountain near the Pythian hot springs of Bithynia, devoting themselves to asceticism and prayer. Betrayed to the local governor, Fronto, they were subjected to frightful tortures, and so gave up their holy souls into the hands of God. They contested for the Faith during the reign of Maximian, in the year 304.

#### Services—Week of September 10th

Sunday, September 10th 8:15 a.m. Orthros 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Artoklasia: offered by the Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos

Thursday, September 14th-Elevation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 16th 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: <u>frtimskchurch@gmail.com</u>

# 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: <u>https://forms.gle/12ASrQksKU4iRAGe8</u>

Fellowship Hour: Fellowship Hour is being hosted by St. Irene Philoptochos.

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 <u>after</u> 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: <u>https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar</u> \*Sunday Homilies: <u>https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies</u> \*For Orthros (Matins) Text visit: <u>AGES Digital Chant Stand</u> \*Saints, Feasts, Epistle & Gospel readings: <u>https://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar</u> \*Livestream on YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @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:

- Theodora & unborn baby, for safe, healthy pregnancy and delivery
- Dianne, for health and healing
- Sophia, for healing from surgery
- Tony, for healing from surgery
- Presvytera Victoria, for safe travels
- Fr. Timothy, for grace and strength
- 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 the children of our parish as they begin a new school year
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For those impacted by the fires in Greece and Hawaii, and hurricane flooding in Florida
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved **Departed**:
- Ron Davies
- Maria Davies

# Bookstore Open

Requests for specific icons, books, or supplies may be made by emailing Carol Stathopoulos at <u>cnsgreek@aol.com</u>.

For icons please specify subject and size: 4x6", 8x10", 11x14", etc. Please note: delivery takes 2 and 6 weeks depending on availability.

For books please specify title and author.

For all other items please describe as accurately as possible: size, materials, and quantity. Bookstore has restocked supplies such as charcoal, incense, candles, prayer cards, prayer ropes and bracelets.

Prices reflect 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.



#### St. Irene Philoptochos



St. Irene Philoptochos invites you to stop by our Auxiliary Fair Table today during fellowship hour. We would love to introduce ourselves to any who we haven't met. Membership forms will be available for members that haven't completed their 2023 membership.

## Veteran's Day Project

St. Irene Philoptochos is hoping to compile a complete list of parishioners who have served (or are presently serving) in the US military.

If you or someone in your family are a veteran please add your name to the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 480-899-3330 during office hours to submit the name.



The information we are seeking is : Complete Name, Branch of Service, and Years of Service. Thank you for your help with this project.

# Catechism Class begins September 12th

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

# 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.

**Auxiliary Fair Today** 

Our annual Auxiliary Fair is this morning, 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.



# **Upcoming Events**

Mark your calendars!

The date of our next **Taverna Event** has changed to **Saturday**, **November 4th**. We will need lots of volunteer. More details coming soon!

The **Fall General Assembly** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 5th**, in the Community Center following dismissal of Liturgy.

Please note: To vote at a General Assembly meeting one must be a current steward. <u>If</u> you have not completed a 2023 pledge card, please do so right away, so that you can participate and vote on issues affecting our parish.

All stewards should make plans to attend and participate.

Sunday School Begins Today!

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

# 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. Kathe-rine, memo: Greek Language.* 

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

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#### **Our Parish Family**

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

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

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: <u>frtimskchurch@gmail.com</u>

#### Young Adult Ministry

St. Katherine's Young Adult group meets on Thursdays, twice a month with Fr. Timothy in a discussion group and for social gatherings. If you would like to join and are between the ages of 18-30 please contact Maximos Lang, our YAL ministry team lead: <u>maxlang-</u><u>music@gmail.com</u>.



#### Women's Ministry



#### Hi Ladies!

We hope everyone had a great summer! It's that time again! The next Women's Ministry Lunch is:

Date: Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

<u>Time</u>: 12:30 p.m.

<u>Place</u>: Floridino's Pizza and Pasta (590 N. Alma School Road, Chandler) Please RSVP to Athena Vasilatos (480-242-6658) if you're able to attend.

Looking forward to seeing all of you! Regards,

Athena Vasilatos and Jackie Bafaloukos

# Young Adults.

September

7 - Welcome Back Barbecue, 6:30 pm 27 - "How to Live the Middle Way", w/Fr Jacob, 6:30 pm

#### October

5 - Game Night, 6:30 pm 25 - "Mental Health & Orthodoxy", w/Fr Timothy, 6:30 pm

#### November

8 - "On Social Justice" w/Fr Jacob , 6:30 pm 30 - Fish N Sips, 6:30 pm

#### December

20 - "Sacraments: Not Just Symbols" w/Fr Andrew , 6:30 pm 24 - Nativity Vigil, 11 pm

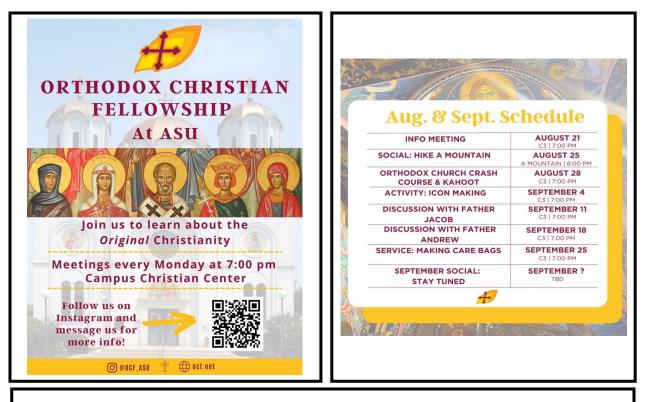
#### January

17 - "The Truth About Monasticism" w/Fr Alex 6:30 pm 31 - New Month's Eve Party, 6:30 pm



Questions? Niko: youth@ assumptionaz.org

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#### Sunday School Wish List

Father Timothy and I met with the Sunday School teachers a few weeks ago to make plans for the coming school year. The fourth acre house has been cleaned and the air-conditioners are in working order!! We'd like to make some physical changes inside the building, but until we can get that done, we are trying to make do with the layout in its current state. We asked the teachers to gather a wish list of items & supplies they need (or would like) to start the year. The first installment of that list is on page 11. As stated, it will most likely change (ie expand) as they get into their rooms and see what they really need. But this is the current list and anything you'd like to donate would be greatly appreciated!!

Additionally, we have some Sunday School items stored on the 5<sup>th</sup> acre. We will be scheduling a time to move those supplies to the 4<sup>th</sup> acre in the coming week. Please watch for an email from the office informing you of the time we will be taking the items from the 5<sup>th</sup> acre to the 4<sup>th</sup>. "Many hands make light work"!!

I would like to thank all the Sunday School teachers for their commitment to this ministry. Their work with our youth should be commended and appreciated by us all. Our youth are our future, and we must do what we can to educate them in their faith and the teachings of the Church.

Thank you, John Chrisagis

#### St Katherine Sunday School Wish List

- Icons: Jesus, Theotokos, and Saint of each room plus other saints or Orthodox pictures/posters/ crosses
- Laminated cards of feast days
- Lenten Journey Map: <u>https://lenten-embassy.myshopify.com/collections/all/products/lenten-journey-map</u>
- Gift Cards for our Pre-K/Kinder and 1st/Second grade classes for art supplies-Amazon, Target, Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Oriental Trading, Wal-Mart. Gift cards are easier to ensure the right number of art supplies are purchased per child, we also have some supplies already available.
- Chalkboard Paint
- Snacks for kids
- Kids Orthodox Books
- Sponsor for Graduation gifts 2024 will be around 8

Pre-K-K

Class Saint: St. Ignatius of Antioch as our patron saint for Pre-K/K because we know from tradition that he is the little child Christ put on his lap and said that if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must become as one of these little children. It is a lovely image of what we are called to become, and that is little children.

Class Needs:

- Icon of Christ and the children in our room and I will likely print that out and frame it for the room.
- Circular rug for story time (<u>https://www.amazon.com/dp/BoBBG264Y4?</u> psc=1&ref =cm sw r cp ud ct SJCS89MKD87Q7GoGVND1)
- Magnetic chalk board that we can write on but also post icons we will be studying (<u>https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07YLGPCXW?</u>
  psc=1&ref =cm sw r cp ud ct SJCS89MKD87Q7GoGVND1)

1st-2nd

Class Saint: St Nicholas

#### 3rd-4th:

Class Saint: St. Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope and Love. Chosen, because we are learning and gaining more knowledge of what it means to be an Orthodox Christian. May we have the strength and courage to defend our beliefs. Class Needs:

- Clock
- Dry erase board markers, erasers, and cleaner
- Updated 3rd Grade Curriculum when available (still awaiting availability)

#### 5th-6th

Class Saint: Saint Stylianos

#### 7-8th

Class Saint: Saints Constantine and Helen-chosen as it is the mission of our to help our junior high students find the Cross as they navigate an age that is focused on defining oneself

#### High School

Class Saint: St Seraphim of Sarov: Motto "Acquire the Spirit of Peace and a Thousand Souls Around You Will Be Saved"

Class Needs:

Acrylic Paint and small to medium thickness brushes

To donate, please contact Maria Morton

#### 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 <u>each year</u> 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 Income	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.