

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**November 12th, 2023  
8th Sunday of Luke**

## **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

## **Contact Us:**

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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.

Αγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### Apolytikion of St. John the Merciful

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous Father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

Ἐν τῇ ὑπομονῇ σου ἐκτήσω τὸν μισθόν σου Πάτερ, Ὅσιε, ταῖς προσευχαῖς ἀδιαλείπτως ἐγκαρτερήσας, τοὺς πτωχοὺς ἀγαπήσας, καὶ τούτοις ἐπαρκέσας· Ἀλλὰ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, Ἰωάννη Ελεῆμον μακάριε, 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

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Saviour's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord, on this day is brought forward, and bringeth with herself the grace, of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαυρίσμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος

### Epistle Reading : Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will

be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

### Κορινθίους β' 9:6-11

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### Λουκᾶν 10:25-37

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις ἀνέστη ἐκπειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐν τῷ νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν· εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· ὀρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποιεῖ καὶ ζῆσι. ὁ δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν· καὶ τίς ἐστί μου πλησίον; ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἄνθρωπός τις κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλὴμ εἰς Ἱεριχῶ, καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσεν· οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτόν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεὺς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρήλθεν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευεῖτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρήλθε. Σαμαρεῖτης δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτόν ἐσπλαγγνίσθη, καὶ προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ αὐτόν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτόν εἰς πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν αὐρίον ἐξελθὼν, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὃ τι ἂν προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς ληστές; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὁ ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποιεῖ ὁμοίως.

## Today we Commemorate:

- **John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria**
- **Nilus the Ascetic of Sinai**
- **Leondos Styppi, Patriarch of Constantinople**

**John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria**— Saint John was born in 555 on the island of Cyprus in the city of Amathus; his father, Epiphanius, was a ruler of Cyprus. The Saint was consecrated Archbishop of Alexandria in 608. A man of exemplary uprightness, in his zeal for Orthodoxy he strove mightily to fight the many heresies among the Christians in Egypt; but above all, he was famous for his singular generosity, humility, and sympathy towards all, especially the poor. His mercy was so great that the report of it reached the Persian invaders of Jerusalem, who desired to see him because of it. Saint John reposed in 619, at the age of sixty-four.

**Nilus the Ascetic of Sinai**— Saint Nilus, who had Constantinople as his homeland, was a disciple of Saint John Chrysostom. He had formerly been an eparch of the city, then became an ascetic on Mount Sinai. He wrote epistles and various ascetical works, and reposed about 451.

## Services—Week of November 12th

**Sunday, November 12th (Fr. Philp Armstrong substituting for Fr. Timothy)**

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Memorial Service: Kiriaki Kotsogiannis—40 Days, Periklis Leros—annual**

**Monday, November 13th St. John Chrysostom**

Divine Liturgy Cancelled

**Saturday, November 18th**

Great Vespers Cancelled

## Helpful Information:

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

**Sunday School:** Sunday School meets after Communion on Sunday mornings. Grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> acre house. Grades 9-12 meet in the conference room up in the choir loft.

**Fellowship Hour:** The ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos are sponsoring Fellowship Hour and a special program to honor our veterans.

**Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore:** Open after the dismissal of Divine 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/](https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams)

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**Please silence cell phones when in church.**

## Thank You to our Taverna Volunteers!

Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who worked so hard to make our Taverna event such a success for the benefit of St. Katherine Church!



Join Us Today during Fellowship Hour to celebrate our veterans.



There will be a short program to honor the men and women of our parish who served our country to keep us safe and free. We hope the Veterans will wear their hats (and any other part of their uniform that still fits).



### Memory Eternal

Our heartfelt and sincere sympathy to Helen Davis and family on the Oct. 22nd passing of her aunt, Irene Lalagos.



Many in our parish may remember Irene from the years when she worked with Helen's mother, Mary Davis in the money room at the festivals.

A 40 Day Memorial will be on Sunday, November 19th, 2023, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church after Liturgy.

### Catechism Class



#### November:

14th - Spirituality 1

21st - Spirituality 2

28th - Spirituality 3

**December:** 5th - Icons & Architecture

All classes are held inside the church, on Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Register at: <https://stkatherineaz.org/>

## 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:

- Maria & Edith, for health and healing
- Ethan, for health and healing
- Annie & son Levi, for diagnosis and therapy
- Drew for suitable employment
- Marko, for health and healing from surgery
- Leo & Aleah, for health and healing
- Jerry, for health and healing
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For those impacted by wars, earthquakes, floods, and fires around the world
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For all those suffering from the violence in Israel and Orthodox Christians living in the holy land



### Departed:

- Irene Lalagos +
- Vasiliki Laloudakis +

## *Poinsettia Memorial Donation*

*Please join us in remembering our beloved family and friends during this Christmas Season with a Memorial Poinsettia which will adorn the iconostasis.*

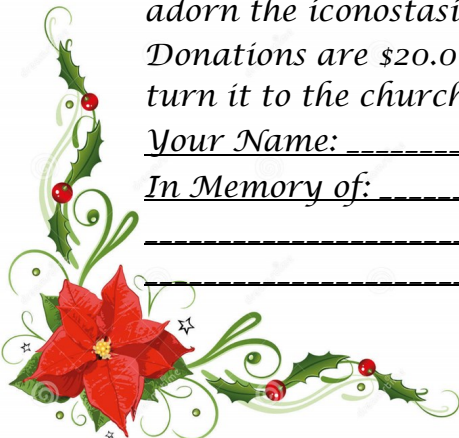
*Donations are \$20.00 per plant. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by December 12<sup>th</sup>.*

*Your Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Amount enclosed: \$* \_\_\_\_\_



**St. Irene Philoptochos**  
**Holiday Basket Donations**



Please help us provide a special holiday dinner for families in our community who are in need of a helping hand. To donate, see Dianne Evripidou, Marjie Thorpe, or any board member.

**HRISI PAREA - ST. KATHERINE SENIORS**

Please join us for:

**“What We’re Thankful For”**

**Luncheon Social**



Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

11:00AM to 2:00PM

Fall Soups & Salad & Dessert \$5.00

Come in your Pilgrim or Turkey Costume -  
Prizes for the most creative

**ST. KATHERINE 4<sup>TH</sup> ACRE HOUSE**  
**(NEXT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER)**

**2716 N DOBSON ROAD CHANDLER, 85224**

To RSVP text: Daryl Connell - 602-315-3159

Or email to: [etacoachs4@aol.com](mailto:etacoachs4@aol.com)

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:frtimskchurch@gmail.com)



## Sts. Joachim & Anna Family Ministry

Saints Joachim and Anna  
**FAMILY MINISTRY**

COME AND JOIN US!

MOMS & TOTS  
EVERY OTHER THURSDAY  
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
FOURTH ACRE HOUSE

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES  
MUSIC & STORYTIME

EVENT SCHEDULE

Moms & Tots:  
• Nov 2 - 2:30 PM  
• Nov 16 - 2:30 PM  
• Dec 14 - 2:30 PM

Family Potluck Dinner:  
• Nov 30 - 6:00 PM

Scan here

SKFAMILYMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM

## St. Irene Philoptochos

### EVERYONE DESERVES A WARM NIGHT'S SLEEP



#### *The Sleeping Bag Project*

St. Irene Philoptochos is sponsoring the "Warm Night's Sleep Program, which donates new/ gently used sleeping bags and blankets to Phoenix Rescue Mission, for distribution to the homeless during the cold winter months.

A box for the blankets and/or monetary donations will be located in the Community Center each Sunday through Dec. 1st.

Your support will be appreciated.

Jackie Bafaloukos & Vangela Mitchell  
Co- chairs.

## 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: [frtimskchurch@gmail.com](mailto:frtimskchurch@gmail.com)

**Apokries 2024—Save the Date!**

See Telis Evripidou for tickets:  
Adults \$100.00 Children 12 and under \$25.00



Greek Mardi Gras | Dance | Door Prize | 50/50 Raffle | Costume Optional |  
Best Costume Prizes for Male, Female & Child

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
Cash Bar 6 PM | Dinner 7 PM |  
Close 11 PM

Please call Telis Evripidou at 480-332-6957.  
Proceeds to benefit Arizona Hellenic Foundation's scholarship fund.



Mesa Country Club  
660 W. Fairway Drive | Mesa, AZ 85201

[Azhellenic.org](http://Azhellenic.org)



## Milestones & Many Years



Sophia Neillo was Baptized on  
November 11, 2023.

Congratulations!

May God bless her richly!



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.



REGISTER TODAY!

ANNUAL YOUTH

# WINTER Retreat

January 12 - 14, 2024

Emmanuel Pines Camp, Prescott, AZ

Cost: \$175 per person, \$25 sibling discount  
Sign up at [assumptionaz.org/winterretreat](https://assumptionaz.org/winterretreat)



Questions? Niko Paris  
[youth@assumptionaz.org](mailto:youth@assumptionaz.org)



## Adults Greek Language Class

Beginners classes began October 11th on Zoom. Class is 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>

## 2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!

157 families have pledged \$324,919  
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.**