

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**November 19th, 2023
9th 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

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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

By Your Cross You abolished death; to the thief You opened Paradise; You transformed the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and commanded Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ our God, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 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

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 θησαύρισμα 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: Ephesians 2:14 - 22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 2:14-22

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός ἐστιν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὃ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἔν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγαμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἐαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφότεροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὖξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 12:16-21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλὰ· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τί νῦν ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Obadiah the Prophet**
- **Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea**
- **Martyr Heliodorus**

The Divine Scriptures do not tell us with any certainty when the Prophet Obadiah lived nor what was his homeland. Thus, some say that he is that Obadiah who was Ahab's steward, who, because of Jezebel's wrath, hid one hundred prophets in a cave and fed them with bread and water (III Kings 18:4), and that he later became a disciple of Elias the Prophet about 903 B.C. But others surmise from the words of the same prophetic book that he is somewhat later than Joel (celebrated on Oct. 19). He is also called Obdiu, or Abdiu, or Obadiah; his name means "servant of God." His book of prophecy, which consists of only one chapter, is ranked fourth among the minor Prophets.

Services—Week of November 19th

Sunday, November 19th (Fr. Philp Armstrong substituting for Fr. Timothy)

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Memorial Service: Konstantinos Elias -1 year

Monday, November 20th Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (observed)

5:30 p.m. Orthros

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 24th Eve of the Feast Day of St. Katherine the Great Martyr

5:30 p.m. Great Vespers

Light Reception to follow

Saturday, November 25th

8:30 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council Election

Parish Council Elections are scheduled for Sunday, December 10th. There are 3 open positions. Any Member-in-Good-Standing may submit an application to run.

If you are interested in running or have questions, please see the Election Committee Chairperson, Niki Pallas. Application deadline is December 3rd.

Feast Day of St. Katherine the Great Martyr – Reception

The Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos invite everyone to join us in the Community Center, after Vespers on Friday, November 24th for a light reception in honor of St. Katherine the Great Martyr .



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 8th grade meet in the 4th acre house. Grades 9-12 meet in the conference room up in the choir loft.

Fellowship Hour: The Parish Council is sponsoring Fellowship Hour this morning.

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/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams>

Please silence cell phones when in church.



Prayer Requests

(Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.)

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

Living:

- Jonathan C. for health, healing and wisdom in difficult times
- Innocent, for health and healing
- Georgia L., for suitable housing
- Joann, for health and healing
- Fr. Timothy, for healing from injury
- 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:

- Joan Perikly +
- Irene Lalagos +
- Vasiliki Laloudakis +

Catechism Class

November:

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/>



YEAR END GIVING GUIDELINES | Deadline December 31st

With the nativity season approaching and 2023 drawing to a close, we would like to offer guidance on how St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church will be handling 2023 contributions as well as 2024 contributions.

The church office will be closed from Friday, December 29, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024.

The IRS's basic rule is a gift must be "delivered" to the church by December 31 for the gift to count as a contribution for that calendar year. The date of delivery depends on how the gift was made and delivered.

- In Person – Physically received in the church office by December 30th during normal office hours. (Please keep in mind that the normal office hours are Tuesday–Thursday, 9:30am–3:30pm)
- US Postal Service – Postmarked by December 31st.
- Private Delivery Service such as FedEx or UPS – Physically received in the church office by December 30th during normal office hours. (Please keep in mind that the normal office hours are Tuesday–Thursday, 9:30am–3:30pm)

Online Giving through the St Katherine web site needs to be completed before December 31st. If using a credit card, it must be "fully processed" i.e. approved by the credit card issuer by December 31st.

Payment made by check should be dated "December 31, 2023" and the memo line should indicate which contribution year ("2023" or "2024") the payment is for.

Donation of stock(s) allow a member to support the church without affecting personal cash flow. Generally speaking, the most tax-advantaged approach is to donate stock held for more than one year that has appreciated in value. This provides for a larger charitable contribution and avoids tax on the capital gain. For stocks with a loss, it is advisable to sell it first and then donate the cash. If you are considering either option, please consult with your tax or financial advisor. Please contact Glenn Thorpe for our account information if you wish to donate stock.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA by direct transfer allows an individual aged 72 or over to avoid including the annual required minimum distribution (RMD) as adjusted gross income. In this case, the charitable contribution must go directly to St Katherine and not the taxpayer first. This option requires some advance planning, so individuals considering it should consult with their tax or financial advisor.

Advance Charitable Deduction is another option where you might consider pre-paying part or all of your 2024 giving, thus advancing the deduction into 2023. [*This can be especially helpful to individuals who marginally itemize their deductions, possibly allowing them to itemize for 2023 and then take the standard deduction for 2024.*]

This letter is not intended to provide legal, tax, or investment advice. You should consult your legal, tax, or investment advisors for advice.

Sincerely,

Antigoni Bhatia
Treasurer

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.



Please make checks to St. Irene Philoptochos.

All donations are greatly appreciated.!

Calling All Cooks!

Coming up on Friday, November 24, (that's correct, the day after Thanksgiving!!!) we will gather to celebrate Vespers for the Feast of our beloved patroness, the Great Martyr Katherine. Philoptochos is hosting a potluck meal for all our guests after Vespers. We expect to have many clergy and visitors from other churches helping us celebrate. We are asking for volunteers to bring dishes for the feast. As a reminder, St Katherine's Feast Day will be a meal during the Nativity Fast so that means no meat, dairy, or egg in the dishes please—olive oil is ok. To avoid duplication, we are using a link to a sign up genius. If possible please sign-up on this list.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44AEAE2FA6FD0-46102760-stkatherine>

A big thank you to Maria Morton who is organizing for us. If you have difficulty with the sign-up, please speak to any of the Philoptochos board members to let us know what you wish to bring. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Maria.

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

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.

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

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

Apokries 2024—Save the Date!



Live music by
Synthesis!

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents
Apokries 2024

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
Tickets: Adults \$100 | 12 and under \$25

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



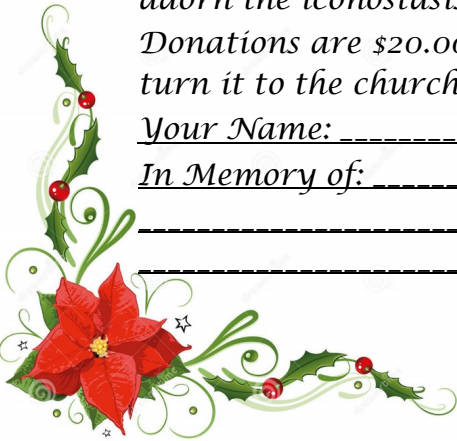
Poinsettia Memorial Donation

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 12th.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____



Lost Liturgy Book

If anyone has found a blue, Children's Liturgy book, please contact the church office.
The book has sentimental value to the owner.

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



Questions? Niko Paris
youth@assumptionaz.org




Saint Katherine
— Greek Orthodox Church —

Young Adult Ministry

Are you 18-29 and interested in joining a young adult ministry at Saint Katherine?

Fill out the form to register your interest. We will contact you soon with more information.



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.