

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**November 26th, 2023
13th 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

From the heights You came down, O Compassionate One. And You did submit to three-day burial, that from the passions You might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Εξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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 κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 4:1-7

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἓν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἓν βάπτισμα, εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἔν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ῥαφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis**
- **Nikon Metanoite**
- **Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia**

St. Stylianos was from Paphlagonia living in the latter 6th century and early 7th century. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole heart and lived in strict asceticism. When he fell asleep in the Lord, his face shone like the sun and an angel appeared to take his soul to Glory. His prayers have worked many miracles, both during his earthly life and since. He is of special help to children who are ill and to childless couples. He is known as a protector of orphans.

Services—Week of November 26th

Sunday, November 26th- 13th Sunday of Luke

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

40 Day Blessing: Christina and baby Thomas

Thursday, November 30th-Andrew the First-Called Apostle

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 2nd

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.

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

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.)

I 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:

- James C. Columbus +
- Joan Perikly +
- Irene Lalagos +
- Vasiliki Laloudakis +

Catechism Class

November:

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 70.5 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 Christmas dinner for families in our parish 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.!



Icon Adornment Sponsorship

The adornment of the icon of The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple was sponsored by the Chrisagis Family in memory of Mary Bereolos. May her memory be eternal.

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: _____

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

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



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

CAMP SHADOW PINES | HEBER, AZ

MAY 26 - JUNE 1

WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG

Apokries 2024—Save the Date!



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



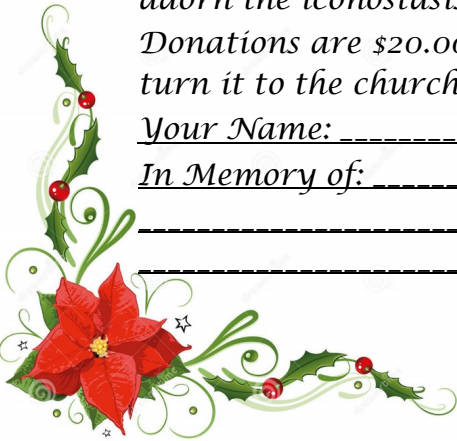
Poinsettia Memorial Donation

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: _____



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



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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!

163 families have pledged \$326,062

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.