

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**January 7th, 2024
Synaxis of St. John the Baptist**

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

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

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.

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

Apolytikion of Theophany

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητὸν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τοῦ ἀσφαλῆς. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Πρόδρομε· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ρεῖθροις βαπτίσαι κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὄθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Ἄδῃ, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν 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 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 ἔλεος.

Kontakion

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένη, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἡλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

Epistle Reading: Apostles 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 19:1-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο δέ, ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ, Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη ἐλθεῖν εἰς Ἐφεσον· καὶ εὐρών τινας μαθητὰς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον Ἄρα πρὸς αὐτόν, Ἄλλ' οὐδὲν εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιόν ἐστιν, ἠκούσαμεν. Εἶπεν τε πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰς τί οὖν ἐβαπτίσθητε; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον, Εἰς τὸ Ἰωάννου βάπτισμα. Εἶπεν δὲ Παῦλος, Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν βάπτισμα μετανοίας, τῷ λαῷ λέγων εἰς τὸν ἐρχόμενον μετ' αὐτόν ἵνα πιστεύσωσιν, τοῦτ' ἐστιν, εἰς τὸν Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν. Ἀκούσαντες δὲ ἐβαπτίσθησαν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Παύλου τὰς χεῖρας, ἦλθεν τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς, ἐλάλουν τε γλώσσαις καὶ προεφήτευον. Ἦσαν δὲ οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ δεκαδύο. Εἰσελθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν ἐπαρρησιάζετο, ἐπὶ μῆνας τρεῖς διαλεγόμενος καὶ πείθων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:29-34 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, βλέπει ὁ Ἰωάννης τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτόν καὶ λέγει· Ἴδε ὁ ἄμνος τοῦ θεοῦ ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. οὗτός ἐστι περὶ οὗ ἐγὼ εἶπον· ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεται ἀνὴρ ὃς ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὃτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. καὶ ἐγὼ οὐκ ᾔδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ, διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ὕδατι βαπτίζων. καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι τεθέαμαι τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον ὡς περιστερὰν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἔμεινεν ἐπ' αὐτόν. καὶ ἐγὼ οὐκ ᾔδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ὁ πέμψας με βαπτίζειν ἐν ὕδατι, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἐφ' ὃν ἂν ἴδῃς τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον καὶ μένον ἐπ' αὐτόν, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ βαπτίζων ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ. καὶ ἐώρακα καὶ μεμαρτύρηκα ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ.

Today we Commemorate:

- Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner
- Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
- Cedd, Bishop of Scotland
- Fursey, Abbot of Lagny

Today we celebrate the Synaxis in honour of the most sacred Forerunner, since he ministered at the Mystery of the Divine Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rest from labour. Fish allowed.

Services—Week of December 31st

Sunday, January 7th

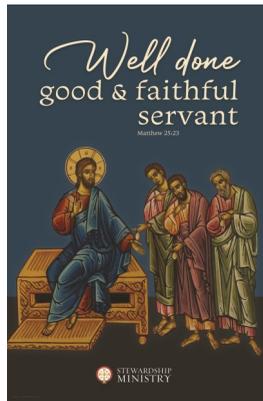
Vasilopita Cutting following the dismissal of Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 13th

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Pre-Communion Prayers

2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards Now Available at the Candle Stand

Please complete and submit your 2024 Stewardship Pledge Card



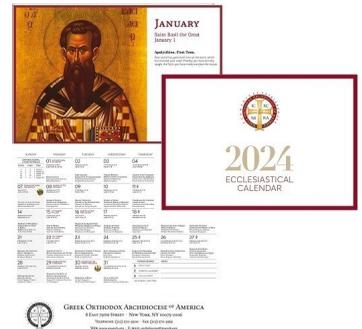
To establish/maintain stewardship, a Stewardship Pledge Card must be completed and submitted *each year*. This enables our accountant to keep accurate records.

2024 Ecclesiastical Calendars

The 2024 Ecclesiastical Calendars are available at the Candle Stand.

Quantities are limited—one per household.

Home-bound parishioners, please contact the church office to request that a calendar be mailed to you.



Compliments of:
Bueler Mortuary
14 W. Hulet Drive, Chandler, AZ
85224

Helpful Information:

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: Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy.

Hrisi Parea Seniors: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, locations vary.

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.



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:

- Ann Trikas, for healing from a broken knee
- Spero V. for help in difficult times
- Christina M., for health and healing
- Dimitri, for healing
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- For those impacted by wars, earthquakes, fires, and floods around the world
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage



HRISI PAREA SENIORS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN

Vasilopita, Lunch & Games

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 @ 11:00 AM

St. Katherine 4th Acre House

2716 N. Dobson Road Chandler, AZ 85224

[A delicious lunch will be served @ \\$5.00 per person](#)

Join us for our New Year's Vasilopita cutting, lunch and a fun afternoon of games, lots of laughs and friendly competition!

[MEMBERS - OLD & NEW - WELCOME](#)

[To RSVP Email : Daryl Connell: etacoachs4@aol.com](mailto:etacoachs4@aol.com)

Or text: Kathy Connell (602-524-1959)

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students. For eligibility requirements and scholarship application please visit the foundation's website, "Azhellenic.org".

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

St. Irene Philoptochos Vasilopita Sale

Sunday, January 7
11:00AM in the Community Center

For more information email Kathy Connell:
madgreekkathy@aol.com
All Vasilopita Sale proceeds benefit [St. Basil's Academy](#) a Ministry of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.



Philoptochos General Meeting

Monday, January 8th 6:30pm in the 4th acre Sunday School House. New friends and members welcome! Please come join us to find out what is happening in the new year!

Request for Blessing of Home or Business

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office or place it in the Narthex tray. **House Blessing forms may also be completed on our parish website under the "more" tab.**

You will be contacted by the Church office to schedule your house blessing. Home Blessings are scheduled according to the dates/times you indicate on the form, and then grouped by zip code.

When Fr. Timothy comes to bless your home, he will have everything he needs, so it's not necessary to have a bowl of water or basil.

The service typically takes 10 - 15 minutes. He will have many homes to bless, so will only be able to be in your home for this amount of time. A blessed New Year!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Please Circle the best day(s) and put a (X) for best time(s)

Mon. Tue. Wed. Fri. Sat.

Mornings (9 – 12 noon) _____ Afternoons (12 – 5) _____ Evenings (5 – 8) _____

Bookstore Open

The Bookstore has been restocked and is open on Sundays after Liturgy.

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



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.

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 are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, "a blessing please."

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@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
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PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



11AM SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
POULOS COURT

ENTRY

- 16 Teams
- Single Elimination
- First Come, First Serve Sign-ups
- Open Dec. 8 @ 12pm
- \$100 per team

HIGHLIGHTS

Raffle for great prizes!
BBQ and drinks for sale
Cornhole and Fun!

Questions? Email Chris Fredericksen at:
c.fredericksen@yahoo.com

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



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15
CAMP SHADOW PINES | HEBER, AZ
MAY 26 - JUNE 1
WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG

Moms & Tots

Creation Trail Mix

Join us as we learn about the days of creation with this fun & interactive activity!

Darkness & Light: Yogurt Covered Raisins
Clouds: Popcorn or Puffcorn
Sun, Moon, Stars: M&Ms
Birds & Fish: Goldfish Crackers
Animals & Man: Animal Crackers

January 18th
2:30 PM
4th Acre House

For more details contact:
skfamilyministry@gmail.com



Apokries 2024—Save the Date!



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



Icon Adornment Sponsorship



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: _____

2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 59 families who have pledged \$205,262 toward our 2024 stewardship budget of \$396,000.



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 |
| \$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.