

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**January 14th, 2024  
Leave-taking of the Theophany**

## **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:**

480-899-3330 • office@st-katherine.org • [www.stkatherineaz.org](http://www.stkatherineaz.org)

## **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 Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### 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, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας 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 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 οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

## Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 4:7-13

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνὶ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβάς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἀνέβη, τί ἐστὶν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβάς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταντήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:12-17 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλείμ, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλῶν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλείμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότεινῷ εἶδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρύσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

## Today we Commemorate:

- The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raitho
- Plato the Hieromartyr, Bishop of Tallini and all Estonia, and the Priest Martyrs Michael and Nicholas
- Agnes the Virgin-martyr

As for the holy Martyrs of Sinai and Raithu, those of Sinai contested during the reign of Diocletian, about the year 296; those of Raithu were slain about the middle of the fifth century. On both occasions, the perpetrators of these massacres were a barbarian tribe called Blemmyes, from the parts of Arabia and Egypt.

*Because of the Apodosis of the Feast of Holy Theophany also on the 14th of January, the liturgical services to the Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raitho are transferred to January 13th.*

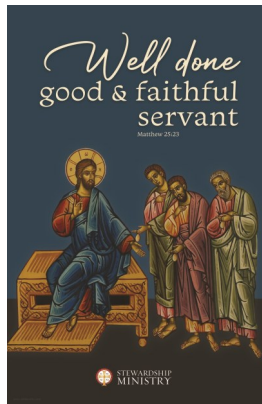
## Services—Week of January 14th

Saturday, January 20th

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



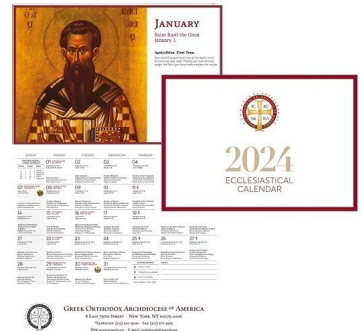
To establish/maintain stewardship, a Stewardship Pledge Card must be completed and submitted *each year*. This enables our accountant to keep accurate records.

## 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 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:** Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos.

**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.goarch.org/chapel/calendar)

\*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:

- Charlie G., for recovery from injury
- Dimitrios, for health and healing
- Tom Morden, for healing from injuries
- Sophia Zemke, for health
- Ann Trikas, for healing from a broken knee
- Spero V. for help in difficult times
- Christina M., for health and 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
- For our seminarians: Nikolas Makarios and Andrew Moreno



## HRISI PAREA SENIORS



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN

**Vasilopita, Lunch & Games**

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

**St. Katherine 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Women's Ministry

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a blessed holiday season!

It's that time again! The next Women's Ministry Lunch is:

Date: Saturday, January 20th

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Rudy's BBQ (7300 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler 85226)



For your convenience, we've attached the menu below ...

double click to open. Please look at it ahead of time ... Rudy's is a little different because everything is ala carte (e.g., "I want 1/4 lb. (4 oz.) of moist brisket, corn on the cob, and a drink").



Rudys Menu.pdf

Please RSVP to Athena Vasilatos (480-242-6658) by January 18<sup>th</sup> if you can attend.

Looking forward to seeing all of you! Love in Christ, Athena Vasilatos and Jackie Bafaloukos

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)



ALL SAINTS  
CAMP  
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PRESENTS

# 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](mailto:c.fredericksen@yahoo.com)

## 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:

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

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.



# ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

CAMP SHADOW PINES | HEBER, AZ  
MAY 26 - JUNE 1

[WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG](http://WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG)

## Moms & Tots

### Creation Trail Mix

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

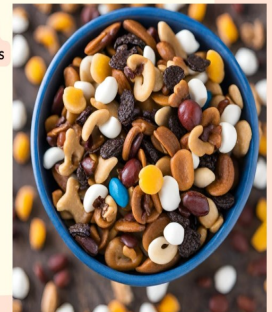
Darkness & Light: Yogurt Covered Raisins  
Clouds: Popcorn or Puffcorn  
Sun, Moon, Stars: M&Ms  
Birds & Fish: Goldfish Crackers  
Animals & Man: Animal Crackers

January 18th

2:30 PM

4th Acre House

For more details contact:  
[skfamilyministry@gmail.com](mailto:skfamilyministry@gmail.com)



# Apokries 2024—Save the Date!



*Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents*  
**Apokries 2024**

**Live music by  
Synthesis!**

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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Theotokos
- September 14<sup>th</sup> The Exaltation of the Cross
- November 21<sup>st</sup> The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos
- November 25<sup>th</sup> St. Katherine the Great Martyr
- December 25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of Christ
- January 6<sup>th</sup> Theophany
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of Christ
- March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of Christ
- August 15<sup>th</sup> 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 goal 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.**