

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**January 28th, 2024  
15th 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

**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 stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

### Apolytikion of St. Ephraim the Syrian

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, flooding all the earth with joy unending, cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: Ephraim, the winebowl of gladness inspired of God, from all eternity chosen to light the Church with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐגעώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Ἐφραὶμ πατὴρ ἡμῶν ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, 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 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

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγίασας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

## Epistle Reading: Timothy 4:9-15

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπικαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ διδάσκει. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνεΐᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱερικῶν· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτηε ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμέλλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶν ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

### Today we Commemorate:

- Ephraim the Syrian
- Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Ninevah
- James the Righteous

**Isaac the Syrian**- The great luminary of the life of stillness, Saint Isaac, was born in the early seventh century in Eastern Arabia, the present-day Qatar on the Persian Gulf. He became a monk at a young age, and at some time left Arabia to dwell with monks in Persia. He was consecrated Bishop of Nineveh (and is therefore sometimes called "Saint Isaac of Nineveh"), but after five months received permission to return to solitude; he spent many years far south of Nineveh in the mountainous regions of Beit Huzaye, and lastly at the Monastery of Rabban Shabur. He wrote his renowned and God-inspired Ascetical Homilies toward the end of his long life of monastic struggle, about the end of the seventh century. The fame of his Homilies grew quickly, and about one hundred years after their composition they were translated from Syriac into Greek by two monks of the Monastery of Mar Sabbas in Palestine, from which they spread throughout the monasteries of the Roman Empire and became a guide to the hesychasts of all generations thereafter.

### Services—Week of January 28th

**Monday, January 29th—Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs (observed)**

5:30 p.m. Orthros

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, February 1st— Observance of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple**

5:30 p.m. Orthros

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, February 2nd**

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

### **Inquirers Meeting**

We are planning to have a meeting of Inquirers on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, after Liturgy. We will meet in the balcony area of the church. All Inquirers are 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)

## 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 Parish Council.

**Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore:** Open on Sundays, 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 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](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:

- Dimitrios, for health and healing
- Tom Morden, for relief from suffering
- Patsy Morden, for health and comfort in difficult times
- 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
- James, and the American Troops, for safety
- 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



### Departed:

- Eleni Kasselakis + (Mother of Anastasia Pouladas)

## TOM & PATSY MORDEN | Update

Patsy Morden has asked us to share this update. Please keep her and Tom in your prayers

Dear friends and fellow St. Katherine parishioners,

We recently received news that Tom has been diagnosed with glioblastoma (an aggressive type of brain cancer). This helps to explain the changes in his speech over the year, which has made it hard even for me to understand. People may have noticed it also changed his mood and memory capabilities.

Tom is currently at Barrow Rehab in Room 2R23. He would appreciate receiving cards. Please send them to our home:

Tom Morden  
2206 W. Mariposa Street  
Chandler, AZ 85224

In Christ,

Patsy Morden

## The Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos



Cordially invite you to our complimentary  
**Communi "Tea"**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Please join us for lunch in the Community Center to learn more about this important ministry of the church and the many philanthropic projects we are involved with. We thank you for your continued support of our Fundraisers.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN!**

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_



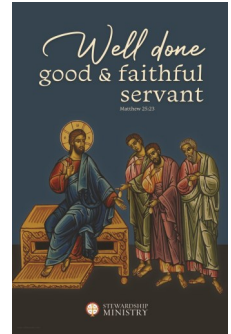
## Daughters of Penelope



The Daughters of Penelope Aegina Chapter will have a Chocolate Rose Valentine Fundraiser after church on February 11th. More details coming soon!

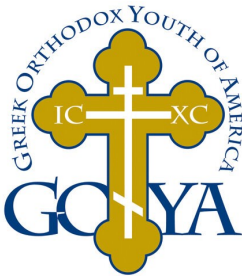
## 2024 Stewardship Pledge Cards Now Available at the Candle Stand

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.

## Senior GOYA



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH**  
7:30-9:30 pm  
Senior Goya Ice Skating at AZ Ice  
2305 E Knox Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85296

\*The cost is approximately \$15/person plus tax, so please bring enough cash to cover entry and anything else you might want.

Here is the link for more info: <https://azicegilbert.com/>

RSVP to Athena Gonzales via email or text  
480-584-9831

## 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.

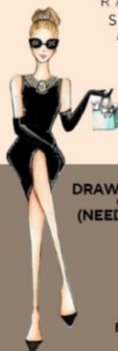
If you are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, "a blessing please."



BE A STYLISH SUPPORTER  
WIN A DESIGNER HANDBAG

RAFFLE PRESENTED BY  
ST. KATHERINE GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

PROCEEDS GO TO  
ALL SAINTS  
CAMP



DRAWING HELD AT ST. KATHERINE  
ON MARCH 17TH, 2024  
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

PRIZES

- CULT GAIA CLUTCH  
(RETAIL \$300)
- TORY BURCH,  
EMERSON LARGE TOTE  
(RETAIL \$400)
- GRAND PRIZE: LOUIS  
VUITTON TOTE (RETAIL  
\$1900)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED  
FOR \$50

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS,  
STKATHERINEAZEVENING@GMAIL.COM  
602.319.6508

## 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)

## EVENT SCHEDULE MOMS & TOTS

A ministry dedicated to connecting  
families with young children.

JAN 18	MEETING EVERY 3RD THURSDAY AT 1:30PM IN THE 4TH ACRE HOUSE	APR 18
FEB 15		MAY 16
MAR 21		JUN 20



# 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](http://Azhellenic.org)





# St. Irene Philoptochos is seeking out past and future members!

It's a new year and time to renew your annual memberships! This year, you have several options:

- 1) If your personal data (name, address, phone) has not changed, just pay the membership fee using the QR code above or link below, or just get a check for \$35 to our Treasurer, Dianne Evripidou!



OR <https://square.link/u/Gm5oRqFO>

- 2) If you are a new member or an existing member whose information has changed, pick one of the following:
  - a) Fill out a 2024 Membership form online, print it, and submit it with a check for \$35 to Athena Vasilatos, our Membership Chair! Use this link: <http://tinyurl.com/59u8bymk>
  - b) Take the fully-online route!
  - c) Use this link: <http://tinyurl.com/hacn9m7x>

## 2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 95 families who have pledged \$269,646 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.**