

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

EPISTLE READING:

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 63.11,1

**The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.**

The reading is from Acts of the 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.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς.

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 63.11,1

**Εὐφρανθήσεται δίκαιος ἐν Κυρίῳ.
Στίχ. Εἰσάκουσον, ὁ Θεός, τῆς φωνῆς
μου.**

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 19:1-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο δέ, ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ, Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη ἐλθεῖν εἰς Ἔφεσον· καὶ εὐρών τινας μαθητὰς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον· πρὸς αὐτόν, Ἄλλ' οὐδὲν εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐστίν, 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 πιστεῦσωσιν, τοῦτ' ἐστίν, 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:

Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner

The Gospel According to 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 ἐκείνῳ, βλέπει ὁ Ἰωάννης τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτόν καὶ λέγει· ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. οὗτός ἐστι περὶ οὗ ἐγὼ εἶπον· ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεται ἀνὴρ ὃς ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. καὶ γὰρ 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 γὰρ 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 γὰρ ἐώρακα καὶ μεμαρτύρηκα ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ.

SAINTS AND FEASTS:

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

**On this day we commemorate:
Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious
Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner**
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.



“Synaxis of St. John the Baptist”

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:30am - Orthros

9:30am - Divine Liturgy

10:40am-Sunday School

Saturday, January 13th

3:00-5:00pm- Confession

5:00pm- Vespers

Parish Council Assignment Team #2- John, Josephine, Fran, Vange

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The Parish Council will be sponsoring a Fellowship Hour Luncheon of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Fries- \$10.00 per person, Children 8 and Under Free. Proceeds will be applied toward the costs of the preparation & improvements to the 2828 N Dobson Building which is to be used for our Saint Katherine Sunday School, our Groups & Organizations.

ST. IRENE PHILOPTOCHOS ANNUAL VASILOPITA SALE

St. Irene Philoptochos will hold our annual Vasilopita sale in the community center following the dismissal of liturgy. Proceeds support St. Basil's Academy which is the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need, providing a loving Christian environment where resident children are nurtured to adulthood.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 6:30pm.

BIBLE STUDY AND YAL

Bible Study- Tuesday, 7:10pm. Topic: I Jn. 4. Location: Church.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Tuesday, 6:00-7:10pm. Location: Church

YOUTH CHOIR

The Church Youth Choir began in September. If you are interested and would like more information please contact: Alexandra.af@cox.net

ST. IRENE PHILOPTOCHOS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The ladies of the St. Irene Philoptochos are seeking sponsors to help with funding of a pre-Lenten retreat. If you would like to help sponsor this event please Linda Blaze (480) 766-9487. Thank you to those who have already donated!

VOLUNTEERS TO SPONSOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Would you like to sponsor a fellowship hour? Please contact the church office at 480 899-3330.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has scholarships available for qualified students. For applications and eligibility requirements please visit our website: azhellenic.org Applications must be mailed by April 1, 2018.

GREEK SCHOOL

From Sept. 2017- May 2018, St. Katherine Church offers a series of Greek Language classes for children ages 4.5 - 5 (by September 1st, 2017). Classes began on September 15th. More information is available at the Church narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 14th- Stewardship Kick-off Breakfast

January 27th – AZ Hellenic Foundation

Masquerade Party, see enclosed flier or Telis Evripidou for more information

PLEASE NOTE...

It costs \$100 dollars per week per family to operate Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship. We certainly appreciate all those who give of their time, talent & tithings. Thank you for your love and commitment to Saint Katherine!

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APOLYTIKION AND KONTAKION HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at your grave seeking, seeking your most pure body But you made hell a captive; you were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to you.

Apolytikion for January 6th

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Apolytikion for St. John the Baptist

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

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 refine, by the power of the Spirit. She was crowned as a martyr of the Lord, and for all, she entreats the great mercy. Τὴν πανεύφημον νόμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληπν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομμοῦς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion for Theophany

You appeared today to us on earth, O Master, and Your light was signed on us who cry aloud to You and say with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

**Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today!
We're glad you're here! Please join us at our Fellowship Hour immediately following the Divine Liturgy to meet fellow parishioners and learn more about the community.**