The Spirit

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
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March 2017

Proistamenos: Rev. Fr. Philip Armstrong
Rev. Philip Armstrong, Proistamenos

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Closed for Lunch
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Sunday Worship
8:30 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
10:45 am – Sunday School

Weekly Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday, one week prior to publication.

Bookstore Hours
Sundays following Liturgy
(in the upstairs room adjacent to choir loft)

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Altar Boys………………… Andre Gib
Bookstore……………. Michael & Chryss Danielek
Dance…………………… Jackie Bafaloukos
Greek Festival……………. Vange Archuleta
Hrisi Parea……………… Linda Kotsakis
Hall Rental……………… Vange Archuleta
JOY/HOPE……………… Fr. Phil Armstrong
Philoptochos…………….. Linda Blazev
Sunday School……………. Dean Argeros
YAL…………………….. Stephanie Venetis
GOYA……………….. Nick & Lisa Bafaloukos

Reminder to All Groups & Organizations
The deadline for submission of articles or information for the Spirit is the 15th of each month for inclusion in the following month’s issue.
All submission are subject to approval.
Please send information to:

PARISH COUNCIL DUTY TEAMS
(See calendars on pages 18 & 19 for assignment schedule)

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Let my prayer arise...
“Lenten Reflections”

“Let us enter the Fast with joy, O faithful.
Let us not be sad.
Let us cleanse our faces with the waters of dispassion, blessing and exalting Christ forever”
(First Friday Orthros)

“Let us begin the Fast with joy.
Let us give ourselves to spiritual efforts.
Let us cleanse our souls.
Let us cleanse our flesh.
Let us fast from passions as we fast from foods,
Taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit and accomplishing them in love that we all may be made worthy to see the passion of Christ our God and His Holy Pascha, rejoicing with spiritual joy.”
(Forgiveness Sunday Vespers)

On Monday, February 27th, Clean Monday, we enter the most solemn time of the year—Great Lent. Great Lent has been so inseparably connected to the act of fasting that we refer to this spiritual time of the year as “the Fast”. Yes, Great Lent and the Fast are interchangeable and imply the same thing.

The above Lenten reflections gleaned from the Triodion, the Liturgical book of this holy season; encapsulate the focus, purpose and intent of Great Lent. Repentance, purification and communion with God and neighbor are its’ noble aims.

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The Lenten period addresses the state of our souls; it is the time of the year par excellence to address our spiritual condition; it is the Church’s prescription to mend our souls. It moves each of us to ask ourselves what our proximity to God is. Am I near God? Have I drifted away from Him? Am I, spiritually, lost? These are the most important questions of life!

Many are apt to view the Fast and Great Lent with negativity. We seem to be put out by being asked to attend the many services (Presanctified Liturgies, Complines, Salutations, Saturday of Souls, and Holy Week) of Great Lent. We are bothered by having to alter our meal planning to conform to the Church’s fast. The charitable activities of this period are viewed as another chore added to our already busy lives. These sentiments are unfortunate.

The opening Lenten reflections reveal the spiritual attitude with which we are to approach the Fast. That attitude is one of joy. Why, we might ponder? It bridges us to God. The closer one is to God the more full and joyful his life is. Why? Because in God is the fullness of life (Jn. 1:16). The closer one is to God the more abundant his life is (John 10:10) and the greater is his joy (Jn. 16:21). The saints and devout Orthodox Christians know this joy. We can too!

The path to our return to God consists of three main activities—prayer, fasting, and doing good works. Prayer is our communication with God; it helps us to get to know God. After a while, it affords one the gift of self-knowledge. When this occurs humility is born in us. When we recognize our spiritual woundedness we are moved to repentance. Fasting from certain foods and the sinful passions deepens our prayer; it affords us a deeper connection with God. When we draw nigh to God, He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Our good works bridge us to our neighbor in whom God dwells. Our charitable works help us to see God in all human beings. When we are near to God and neighbor, we are living in full communion with God. He is in us and we are in Him (Jn. 17:21).

In order to reach Pascha and our resurrected Lord, we must first encounter the crucified Lord. We will never appreciate and fully comprehend the power of His third day resurrection until we know His passion—His suffering. Great Lent acquaints us with our Crucified Lord. When we understand our Lord’s suffering, then, we will fathom and appreciate His resurrection.

May the Great Fast and Great Lent enable us to know and experience God more deeply. Embrace this holy season as it bridges us to God’s warm and loving embrace.

I wish you a blessed Lent and a joyful Pascha!

+ Fr. Phil Armstrong
SACRAMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES

Holy Baptism

February 11, 2016  Luke Drosos
                 Parents: Dean & Audra Drosos
                 Godparent: Lily Drosos

February 18, 2017  Valentine Bessett
                    Parents: Jaime & Alina Bessett
                    Godparent: Maria Granic

February 19, 2016  Constantine (Javiar) Vanburen
                    Parents: Trayvon Vanburen & Anastasia Demopoulos
                    Godparents: Angela & Jeffrey Abu-Badu

Forty Day Blessing

February 2, 2017  Eleni Cecil and newborn son, Konstandinos
St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church  
2716 N. Dobson Road  
Chandler, Arizona 85224  
480 899-3330

**Request for Blessing of Home or Business**

Name: ____________________________________________________

Phone #: __________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Nearest Major Intersection: ___________________________________

To assist Fr. Phil in scheduling his visit, please check the time(s) you are most likely available:

_____ Anytime       _____ Daytime       _____Evening       Weekend____

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office or place it in the Narthex tray.

[Image of a religious scene]
QUEEN OF HEAVEN BURIAL PLOTS

St. Katherine has reserved a section of 90 burial plots at Queen of Heaven Cemetery located at 1500 E. Baseline Road, Mesa, Arizona 85204. Contact Dr. Andy Karantinos for information.
“That you may be filled with the knowledge of His Will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” Col. 1:9

To assist you and your family through the Lenten journey and spiritually prepare for Pascha, there is a “Lenten ~ Pascha Display” in the bookstore giving a few suggestions for religious items, books and icons offered for your prayer corner. Religious gifts for friends and loved ones are also available. There are books to help with fasting, specific Church Services, Holy Week Easter Service Books, prayer and picture books to help children understand lent and our most Holy precious Feast Day of Pascha. Please visit our BOOKSTORE in the balcony upstairs. We are open immediately after Divine Liturgy each Sunday and by request we can arrange for your purchase during the week. (Email mdanielek1@cox.net)

**Lent & Pascha Books for Adults**
- A Journey through Great Lent
- Come Receive the Light
- Daily Lenten Meditations for Orth. Christians
- Holy Week Service Book
- Great Lent: Journey to Pascha
- God Speaks From the Cross
- Why Did She Cry
- The Lenten Covenant
- The Lenten Liturgies
- Lenten Cookbook
- The Resurrection & Modern Man
- Lenten Spring
- Lenten Triodan
- The Services of Holy Week & Easter

**Lent & Pascha Books for Children**
- Christ Has Risen, Children
- Esther’s Easter Dress
- Lenten Workbook
- In My Father’s House
- Great and Holy Saturday
- The Ascension
- The Proud Tree
- The Tale of Three Trees
- Three Easter Journeys
- Great and Holy Friday
- Pascha The Feast of Feasts

**Lent & Pascha ICONS**
- The Mystical Supper
- Palm Sunday
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- Christ Extreme Humility
- Entombment of Christ
- Christ The Bread Of Life
- Ladder of Divine Ascent
- Christ The Teacher (Gold Foil)
- Raising of Lazarus
- Maximos The Confessor
- All Saints with Christ

**Other Religious Items:** Pascha Cards, Pendent Crosses (sterling silver, gold plated, enamel, wooden), Standing Crosses, Pocket Prayer Cards, Pocket ICON’s, ICON Magnets, Guardian Nightlights, Incense, Charcoal and Incense Burners, Prayer Beads & Ropes, Prayer Bracelets, Book Markers.

**Kali Sarakosti!** (Have a good 40-day lent)
FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We are happy to announce that as of February 24th the total pledged for 2017 is $162,179.50 from 96 steward families.
By comparison, the total pledged for 2016 was $179,802 from 134 stewards.
The average pledge, therefore at this point in 2017 is $1,689. compared to $1,341. for 2016.
These gains are significant, and the Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who has pledged.
We encourage everyone to complete a stewardship card, especially those who are regular readers of the Spirit or are regular in attendance at St. Katherine. If you are nourished here, make us what we already are to you: your spiritual home.

Please remember that the decision as to how your generous pledges will be used during 2017 will largely be determined at the General Assembly on March 19.
If you are a steward, please come and share your wisdom or your talent for speaking/ debate.
If you have not yet pledged, there is still time to do so, but remember to do so before March 19 so that you too can join the fun!

Thanks again!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Dimitra Lix
Fran Atwood
Marina Arcianaga
Patsy Morden
Jacob Affolter
Tom Morden
Gary Boyce

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARCH 18
PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND
Thank you for sharing your gifts in a spirit of stewardship and generosity!

(If you have completed and submitted a 2017 Pledge Card but your name is not on this list please inform the office)

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St. Irene Philoptochos
Share the vision and
Be part of the ministry this year

THIS is why we are here:

To aid the poor
the destitute
the hungry
the sick
the unemployed
the orphaned
the imprisoned
the widowed
the handicapped
the victims of disaster
to undertake the burial of impoverished persons

And
to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church

To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian traditions,
doctrines, cannons, discipline, worship usages and customs.

To cooperate with the Parish Priest and the Parish Council

Our charitable work shall be performed with
Discretion
Courtesy and
Kindness

From the Mission Statement of The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
St. Irene Philoptochos
Invites you to join us for our
Annual Lenten Trip
to
ST. PAISIUS MONASTERY
in
Safford, Arizona
Saturday, March 4, 2017

Bus Departs from
St. Katherine Community Center
2716 N. Dobson Road Chandler, AZ 85224
Depart: 7:00 AM       Return: 6:00 PM

We will join the nuns for a Liturgy and lunch, with time to tour the grounds, enjoy the serenity of the Monastery and visit with the nuns.

Cost: $25.00 per person
$10.00 Youth (12 & under)
(Payment is required when you make your reservation, in order to hold the space.)

For Reservations and More Information Contact:
Linda Blazev: (480) 766-9487
Kathy Connell: (602) 524-1959
Or E-mail saint.irene.philoptochos@gmail.com

Please join us for a spiritual journey during the Lenten season.
Agape Ball
2017
Please Help Us communicate effectively!

We need to know how **YOU** prefer to receive the Spirit

- **Email:** Please send a request to: office@st-katherine.org
  (email addresses are kept confidential and remain private; other recipients **will not** see your email address)

- **Pick up in the Narthex when you come in Church**

- **Mail to your home address:**
  For Postal delivery please complete this form and return to the church office:

  Name_____________________________________________________

  Address___________________________________________________

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Have you moved recently?
Please help us save money on postage by updating your address with the office.

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The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available. For information and application please visit the Foundation's web site: www.azhellenic.org

Arizona Hellenic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered in the state of Arizona. The Foundation was established in 2004 by the AHEPA 454 in order to promote Hellenic culture and provide scholarships for higher education among the Hellenic youth. The foundation raises funds through charitable donations and places them in a “corpus” account. This money is invested into income bearing accounts, with scholarships and awards paid out annually from the income. The Foundation is also responsible for administering the scholarship request process and selection of approved candidates per the foundation’s by-laws.

Scholarships are awarded annually to those who qualify. High School Seniors or College Underclassmen who are eligible to apply must be of Hellenic descent and live in the Phoenix, Arizona, Metropolitan area, including surrounding cities. A rating system is used to rank candidates and is based on grade point average, extracurricular activities, and participation in Hellenic activities. The Foundation Board of Directors is responsible for verifying eligibility, determining rank, and generating scholarship amounts. The number and size of Scholarships awarded in any given year are based on the number of qualified applicants, the amount of income generated from donations, and the endowment scholarship fund.
Sunday School Schedule 2016-2017

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Sunday school starts right after communion around 11AM.  
Preschool - 3rd grade classes are 30 minutes long ending at 11:30AM.  
4th-12th grade classes are 45 minutes long ending at 11:45AM.  
All Art classes are 45 minutes long ending at 11:45AM  
***Classes may run longer depending on time of Communion***

2017 Dates for Valley Orthodox Youth Events

**March 18-19:** Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity  
**April 22:** Outreach/Philanthropy Project Event at Sts. Peter and Paul  
**May 20:** End of Year Pool Party/Barbeque at the home of Phoenix area family  
**June TBD:** All Saints Summer Camp
What do Altar Boys do?  
By: Andre Gib

At St. Katherine our Altar Boys (from the Greek word "akolouthos" meaning attendant or follower) perform a variety of tasks which begin before Orthros, continue through Divine Liturgy and end after the Holy Gifts are consumed by the Priest.

Altar Boys are some of the very few that are permitted to enter the Altar (Sanctuary), a place where only members of the clergy are permitted.

First Altar Boys must prepare themselves by preparing their heart through prayer and their vestments for blessing by the Priest.

Altar Boys assist in preparing the Altar for Divine Liturgy by ensuring the candles are filled and lit, and the censer is ready for use. They cut the Prosforna, which several of our ladies bake, and pour the hot water which will be used for Holy Communion.

The Altar Boys who arrive before Liturgy read the Epistle and practice to be Readers. They also offer personal prayers and venerate the Icons on the iconostasis.

During the services they are involved in the ruberics (movements on the Solea), where they must function smoothly and uniformly. Inside the altar they stand around the Altar, never touching the altar without permission of the priest, always prepared to assist as needed such as providing the censer.

At St. Katherine our Altar Boys are active participants in the Divine Liturgy, helping to lead the congregation in the reading of several prayers and assisting in the Communion of the people.
Join thousands of teens across the nation &
#ShareOrthodoxy!

2017 ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

EXPLORE a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith
THINK critically about current issues
SPEAK to a gentle and loving audience

Share Your Faith
Junior Division for Grades 7-9
Senior Division for Grades 10-12
SPEECH • POETRY • ESSAY

AWARDS - The Chrysostom Scholarship for Hellenic College
The 2016 finalists are eligible to receive a Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College.
This scholarship provides awards ranging from $2,500 up to $30,000 per year.

Parish Festival Date March 26, 2017 at 1 PM

Parish Chairperson Alex J Pallas

Contact Information 602-526-4061 or aipallas@cox.net

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Ministry of the Department of Religious Education from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Find the topics, rules, and prize information at http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religioused/sjcof
The 2017 Church Oratorical Festival will take place on March 26\textsuperscript{th} March at 1PM at St. Katherine. The District Oratorical Festival will be held at Assumption Church 8202 E. Cactus Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260 on April 2, 2017.

**About the Festival:**
The festival was introduced in 1983, the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival provides Greek Orthodox teenagers the opportunity to write and talk about their faith. The Oratorical Festival Program begins at the parish level and is divided into three divisions:

- Elementary Division (local festival only) for students in grades 4–6
- Junior Division for students in grades 7–9
- Senior Division for student in grades 10–12

The Festival on March 26\textsuperscript{th} will be for the Junior and Senior Divisions. The Elementary Divisions will be held in their classrooms.

We’ve held these festivals for several years and we make every effort to involve as many students as possible. First and foremost by getting students to participate they learn more about their faith and also learn how to make presentations. Many high schools give them credit for participation since we can provide them information.

If you have any questions you may email me at: ajpallas@cox.net or call 602 526-4061. If I do not answer my phone please leave a message.

Every student should receive the information from their teachers.

Alex J. Pallas

### 2017 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Topics

**Junior Division (Grades 7-9)**

1. The opening petition of the Divine Liturgy is “In peace let us pray to the Lord.” What is this peace, and why do we need it to begin our prayers?
2. St. John Chrysostom said, “Our alms are judged not by the measure of our gifts, but by the largeness of our mind” (Homily 52 on the Gospel of Matthew). Discuss how even small acts of kindness and generosity can make a difference.
3. Discuss the role of bread and its symbolism in the Bible and the life of the Church.
4. The Orthodox Church venerates saints and martyrs every day. Talk about a saint whose life inspires you to be a better Orthodox Christian.
5. Explain why the Orthodox Church focuses more on the resurrection than it does the passion and suffering of Christ.

**Senior Division (Grades 10-12)**

1. The gap between the rich and the poor in the United States and worldwide is arguably wider than it has ever been. How should we as Orthodox Christians address such terrible financial inequality?
2. Although many people diet for health or vanity, the discipline of fasting is found in many religious traditions. What is the difference between dieting and fasting, and why is it important?
3. Psalms are an integral part of matins, vespers, and many other Church services. Talk about a psalm that impacts or influences your life.
4. The Lord commanded us not to create idols (Exodus 20:4), yet people continue to do so. Discuss the kinds of idols people make or worship today and the response that an Orthodox Christian should have when confronted by them.
5. Jesus said, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). When no political party represents genuine Christian teaching, how does an Orthodox Christian navigate political conversations and make political judgements?
### SERVICE PIN AWARDS
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L-R Christine Mounkes, Carol Kamtsiotas, Maggie Thomas (Chapter Marshal), Katherine Connell and Antigoni Bhatia.
Valentine fun and fellowship was had by thirty-six members of St. Katherine’s seniors group, *Hrisi Parea*, at their annual Valentine Luncheon at Ruby Tuesday on February 13, 2017. Besides enjoying lunch, camaraderie and laughter, a Valentine themed Bingo, crossword puzzle, and Valentine lovers match game were played. Six members took home Teddy Bears and Chocolate Kisses© prizes and everyone had Conversation Hearts© to share.

Looking ahead, March will bring an event around mid-month celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. Green will be the theme, from invitations to decorations and maybe even the food! Watch for postings in the mail and at church.

All are welcome to join in the celebrations. Most activities will be centered at church, but occasionally the group will take to the road for an afternoon adventure. Dues are $10 per year and are payable to *Hrisi Parea*. See Treasurer Gus Daskalakis for your 2017 Membership Card.
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Greek School

The mission of St. Katherine Greek School is to:

(i) Offer its students high-quality education and instruction of the Greek language, placing emphasis on Oral Communication (Conversation), Written Communication (Writing), Reading and Listening Comprehension
(ii) Familiarize its students with the fundamentals of the Greek history,
(iii) Promote the Hellenic-Christian ideals, customs and traditions.

Throughout the year, students explore thematic units that revolve around everyday life situations. Learning objectives are met through a wide spectrum of effective instructional practices. For example, students are given the opportunity to practice their conversational Greek through interactive games, role-playing activities and hands-on materials, and they learn about the Greek history and culture through songs and poems that are related to important historic and cultural events.

For more information, please contact Georgina Tsangaridou at georgina_ts1@hotmail.com

Fall schedule and class information coming soon!
Children’s Activity Coloring Page
New to the Spirit-We will dedicate a page to the youth of our parish. This month, we provide a black and white depiction of the Annunciation. Children can learn while they color in the icon. Parents, can use this activity as an opportunity to spend time discussing our faith.

The Spirit staff has provided folders where children can store each months icons and activities so they can have an ongoing understanding of Holy Days we honor.

Folders will be available for pick-up in the Community Center during the month of March.

Annunciation of the Theotokos—March 25th
Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary announce that she would become the Theotokos (God-bearer). Mary would miraculously conceive a Child who would be called Jesus, the Son of God.
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(All services begin at 6:00pm)

March 5th - St. George Antiochian Church
4530 E. Gold Dust Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85028

March 12th – St. John the Evangelist
916 S. 52nd Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

March 19th - St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
4436 E. McKinley
Phoenix, AZ 85008

March 26th – St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
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