St. Katherine was blessed by presentation of the Holy Light of Jerusalem on June 2nd, 2017. Parishioners filled the church for a blessing and were able to carry the Holy light from Christ’s resurrection to their homes. This has been the first time the light traveled from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to the US.
Summer Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, 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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Stewardship – Gary Boyce

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Altar Boys………………….. Andre Gib
Bookstore……………… Michael & Chryss Danielek
Dance…………………….Lisa Bafaloukos
Daughters of Penelope…….Georgia Souris
Greek Festival…………… Vange Archuleta
GOYA………………….. Nick & Lisa Bafaloukos
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YAL………………………..Stephanie Venetis

Reminder to all groups and organizations
The next publication of The Spirit will be our September issue. Please note that 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.

Also, please help us ensure the accuracy of your material by submitting everything in a Word document or PDF as you would like it to appear when published.

Please send information to: office@st-katherine.org and remember all submissions are subject to approval.

Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL DUTY TEAMS
(See calendars on pages 28 & 29 for assignment schedule)

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Welcome back!

We warmly welcome Fr. Phil and Presvytera Maria back after their vacation. We missed you and are glad you are back.

We sincerely thank Fr. Demetri Kavouras for serving the liturgies while Fr. Phil was out.

We appreciate all the visiting priests who supported Fr. Demetri during this time.

We offer our congratulations to Fr. Demetrios Kavouras on his 50th anniversary of serving in the priesthood-Xronia Polla!

May God continue to bless you and Presvytera Pat!

Memorials:

May 21, 2017– Departed AHEPANS

June 18, 2017-George Poulos, 11 year (correction from June/July issue of The Spirit)

June 18, 2017– Lubovi Khadzyyska, 40 day

June 18, 2017– Michael Trekas, 35 years

July 16, 2017– Victims of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus

July 23, 2017– Evan Souris, 1 year

July 23, 2017– Evleen Salameh Shahin

July 23, 2017– Salameh Asfour

July 23, 2017– Georgette Asfour

To request a memorial or house blessing please complete the form on the table in the narthex and return it to the office.

To schedule a wedding, 40 day blessing or baptism please contact the church office.

Various forms, stewardship pledge forms and information pamphlets should be on the table in the Narthex.
One of the many ways St. Irene Philoptochos helps our community is by providing support to the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Below is an article with practical advice on how you can help the homeless.

### Mission Mileposts

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In 2014, 40 pedestrians lost their lives, crossing into traffic. Police estimate most were homeless. Before handing out a panhandler pack, please make sure it’s safe for both you and the recipient.
Kids’n’Cancer Camp Agape Arizona 2017 was held on the grounds of Orme School from June 8 to the 11th. It was a blessing to the families we hosted as well as to the volunteers who made it possible. And of course we are indebted to all the great Parishioners of St. Katherine’s whose generous donations and love provided for the camp.

What is Camp Agape?

Kids ‘n’ Cancer Camp Agape is a ministry of the Metropolis of SF Philoptochos. Our own St. Irene Philoptochos chapter got involved in a “big way” eight years ago when along with the Philoptochos chapters from the other Greek Orthodox Churches in the area we began a camp to minister to Arizona families. The Camp offers a life-changing, all-expense paid camping experience for the families of children afflicted with cancer or other life-threatening diseases.

What families? Where do they come from?

We do not limit this service to Orthodox families – we extend this loving gift to any family in need. The families are referred to us by local hospital nurses and social workers as they become aware of families that would benefit.

How is the camp funded? Who pays for it?

All the costs are paid through funds raised by our local Philoptochos chapters and supplemented by the Metropolis Philoptochos Kids ‘n’ Cancer Fund. There is no cost to these families who otherwise may be buried with medical debt and emotional burdens.
Did you know that we have Gift Certificates available for purchase…a great way to gift someone special?

**Back to School with a Guardian Angel:**
Would you like a Guardian Angel or a Saint watching over your children while in school? Pick up a small Icon (laminated, paper or magnetic) and put them in their backpacks. We have several Icon bookmarks to choose from as another way of blessing our students while in school or while studying at home.

**Prayer Corner ~ Home Iconostasis:**
We have laminated wood Icons, laminated pocket Icons, paper Icons, Icon nightlights, diptychs and triptychs in various sizes and magnetic Icons available for your ‘Prayer Corner’. Incense burners, charcoal with 10 different varieties of incense, electric hanging and free standing Kandili and much more for concentrated prayer.

**Prayer Ropes, Bracelets, Standing Crosses & other Religious Articles:**
Icon bracelets, prayer ropes, knots & beads, crosses (small, wall and free standing), auto Icon visor clips, and night lights.

**Silver Crosses, Chains & Icons:**
Fine Silver crosses and chains (16”, 20”, 22” & 24” lengths) are available in our bookstore. Solid silver Icon Medallions 1 ½” x 1 ½” as well as silver Icons, 6” x 6”, 8” x 9” and the Mystical Supper Silver Icon 8” x 14”.

**Books, Bibles, Children’s Books & Prayer Books:**
Over 400 book titles are available including Bibles, Prayer books, books explaining The Orthodox Faith and books comparing Orthodoxy to other Christian Faiths, books on the Lives of Saints as well as children’s books. A newly published children’s book for bedtime reading, “Goodnight Jesus” is now available. Why not insert Jesus into your nighttime readings with your little ones?

**Food For Thought:**
In today’s society there is no shortage of unhealthy images exposed to each of us and our children through technology including smartphones, computers, televisions, movies etc. Where are the Orthodox images? Where are the Holy Icons? Where are the spiritual images to remind us of our beautiful Orthodox Faith?

Did you know that the original Apple Smartphone used Greek Orthodox Icons as the model for application ‘icons’ in its technological practices? A picture is worth a thousand words meaning that the Apple icon(s) would instantly be recognizable…the concept of using ‘icon’s’ to deliver a message is as old as our Faith…thank you Greek Orthodoxy for guiding the leading technological giant in the right direction.

Why not put the Sacred Images of our Lord Jesus Christ, Panagia, Saints and Feast Days in our homes, cars, backpacks, wallets & purses?

Placing Icons in our homes transforms them instantly into spaces for prayerful reflection on what our Savior, Martyrs, Saints and Feast Days truly mean and represent to Orthodoxy and our lives.

Your friendly bookstore manager looks forward to seeing all of you after Divine Liturgy. Take the stairs or elevator to our balcony location. God Bless!

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CONGRATULATIONS 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Warm congratulations to the 2017 Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarship recipients:

- **Alexander Argeros**- $500, Four time recipient, attending ASU studying Journalism & Mass Communications.
- **Anastasios Annos**- $500, First time recipient. Just graduated from Shadow Mountain High School. Plans to attend ASU to study Sports Journalism.
- **Lilly Rose Drosos**- $500, First time recipient. Just graduated from Perry High School. Plans to attend ASU to study Civil Engineering.
- **John Laloudakis**- $1000, Four time recipient attending Stanford University studying Computer Science. He is also the recipient of the AHEPA Chapter 454 Scholarship.
- **Vasiliki Laloudakis**- $500, First time recipient. Just graduated from Chandler Preparatory Academy. Plans to attend Grand Canyon University to study Psychology/Psychiatry.
- **Scotlyn Martinez**- $500, First time recipient. Just graduated from Valley Christian High School. Plans to attend ASU to study Special Education.
- **Alexa Wilder**- $500, First time recipient. Just graduated from Perry High School. Plans to attend ASU to study Aerospace Engineering.

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation was established in 2004 by the AHEPA TRI-CITY Chapter 44. Its mission is to provide scholarships to college students of Hellenic descent and to promote the Hellenic culture among the Hellenic Community of the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Since its inception, the Foundation has given thousands of dollars in scholarships to outstanding students. In addition, the Foundation has been a strong supporter of the various church dance groups in the Valley, donating thousands of dollars to the groups. The Foundation has also been active in promoting Hellenic culture by hosting Greek musicians and comedians in addition to having the ambassadors of Greece and Cyprus visit the Phoenix Metropolitan area. It has sponsored the New Year’s Eve dinner/dance at St. Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church for 5 years. In 2018, it will bring a 3,000 year old Hellenic tradition to Chandler; the Karnavali or Apolreatiko dance. **Please mark your calendars for January 27, 2018.**

The Foundation raises money through fundraisers and donations. The funds are invested in a dividend producing fund. 75% of the dividends are used for scholarships and cultural events, while the remaining 25% is added to the principle, thus ensuring that the principle grows and an increasing stream of dividends is available each year. Our goal is to become a one million dollar foundation. It will take time, but the Foundation is organized in such a way that it will eventually achieve its goal.

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors who are responsible for raising, investing and dispersing its funds.

For more information, please visit us at: [www.azhellenic.org](http://www.azhellenic.org)
Some people tell me that they are scandalized because they see many things wrong in the Church.

I tell them that if you ask a fly, “Are there any flowers in this area?” it will say, “I don’t know about flowers, but over there in that heap of rubbish you can find all the filth you want.” And it will go on to list all the unclean things it has been to.

Now, if you ask a honeybee, “Have you seen any unclean things in this area?” it will reply, “Unclean things? No, I have not seen any; the place here is full of the most fragrant flowers.” And it will go on to name all the flowers of the garden or the meadow.

You see, the fly only knows where the unclean things are, while the honeybee knows where the beautiful iris or hyacinth is.

As I have come to understand, some people resemble the honeybee and some resemble the fly. Those who resemble the fly seek to find evil in every circumstance and are preoccupied with it; they see no good anywhere. But those who resemble the honeybee only see the good in everything they see.

The stupid person thinks stupidly and takes everything in the wrong way, whereas the person who has good thoughts, no matter what he sees, no matter what you tell him, maintains a positive and good thought.

Contact Dr. Andy Karantinos for information:

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.
DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30th: Drop off donations at church for Philoptochoς Rummage Sale
August 1st: Dormition Fast Begins
August 4th: Drop off donations and set-up for Philoptochoς Rummage Sale
August 5th: Philoptochoς Rummage Sale
August 6th: Holy Transfiguration
August 15th: Dormition of the Theotokos
August 18th: Submission deadline for September issue of The Spirit
September 1st: Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year
September 8th: Nativity of the Theotokos
September 10th: Sunday School Classes Begin, Registration– Registration form on page 20
September 14th: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 29th, 30th, October 1st: "A Taste Of Greece" Festival
October 26th: St Demitrios
October 28th: Holy Protection of the Theotokos/OXI Day
November 11th: St. Katherine 35th Anniversary Celebration
November 15th: Christmas Nativity Fast Begin
November 25th: St Katherine the Great Martyr
December 6th: St Nicholas
December 12th: St Spyridon
December 25th: Holy Nativity of Christ


Our Condolences go to:

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to our parishioners and longtime friends, Spiro, George, and Bill Apergis and their families for the loss of their brother, Alex, who passed away in Tinos, Greece. May his memory be eternal.
Dear parents,

We invite you to bring your children ages 5-12 to our JOY/HOPE group which is held on the first Wednesday of each month September through May from 4:15 to 5:45.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to strengthen their friendships and their faith. The children are grouped by age: 5-7 year olds and 8-12 year olds.

While Fr. Phil meets with one group in the church teaching them about saints, feast days, Bible stories and many other related topics, the other group has time to play together, socialize and enjoy a complimentary meal together under parental supervision in the Community Center.

**Mark your calendar- our next meeting will be on September 6th. Please join us! Parents are always invited and welcome to stay for the program and meal.**

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In August we celebrate:

- Holy Transfiguration
- Dormition of the Theotokos
- Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Hronia polla to all our parishioners and friends who celebrate their name day during August!
FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
(Dimitra Lix, Marina Arciniaga, Jacob Affolter, Fran Attwood, Patsy Morden, Tom Morden, Gary Boyce)

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)

Jacob Affolter  Dean & Audra Drosos  Vasiliki Nelson
Eric & Nia Amazeen  Larry Dye  Steve Nichols
Terry & Marina Ambus  Aristotelis & Dianne Evripidou  Litsa Ntatsos
Georgia Anapolis  Pete & Theresa Fardelos  Joe & Nicki O’Connor
Spiro Apergis  James & Peggy French  Peter & Patricia Orphanos
Vasilios & Themis Apergis  Chris & Anne Gavras  Niki Pallas
Evangelia Archuleta  Demetrios & Barbara Georgousis  Matthew & Joyce Pallas
Michael & Marina Arciniaga  Andre & Donna Gib  Elizabeth Panopoulos
Dean & Pauline Argeros  Evin & Lauren Goldbach  Kosta & Irene Papaioannou
Fr. Philip & Presbytera Maria Armstrong  Maria Handgis  Jordan & Wendee Papandreou
Christopher & Maria Asbill  Jason & Charlene Hardin  Ange Pappas
Frances Attwood  Andrew & Elaine Hatupis  Michael & Patricia Perikly
Josephine Avanesas  Nikolaos & Helen Ioannidis  Seraphima Ramirez
Rick & Barbara Avellone  Elena Kantzos  Nicholas & Lia Rokas
Gust & Mena Bafaloukos  Peter & Frances Katsiris  Vasilios & Ann Samouris
Dorothy Bafaloukos  Peter & Linda Kotsakis  Aaron & Danielle Scherbak
Harry & Carol Bafaloukos  Demetrios & Katherine Kretsedemas  Rick & Louann Schneider
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David & Katarina Baynes  Nicholas & Dionisia Kretsedemas  George & Zoe Simbles
Mr. Demetri Benton  Plato Kretsedemas  Leo & Linda Smith
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Billy & Kim Demetropoulos  Dina Morosoff  Nicholas Whalen
Joanne Demetropoulos  Yury & Irina Moroz  Kevin & Tina Wilder
John & Mary Demetropoulos  Maria Morton & Family  Mike & Christina Wombacher
Alexander Drosos  Jackson & Christina Mounkes  Todd & Nicolette Wright
Art & Lynn Drosos  Kristina & Alexander Myer  George & Stella Xenakis

Demetrios Xenikakis & Angie Samaras

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Greek School

The mission of St. Katherine Greek School is to:

- 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
- Familiarize its students with the fundamentals of the Greek history,
- 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

Look for the Fall schedule, class information and registration forms in the September issue of The Spirit!
FROM JERRY VASILATOS:
St. Katherine GOC will be celebrating its 35th anniversary in November 2017. As part of the celebration, we are assembling a presentation of historical photographs, newspaper articles and short stories about our church and community. We are asking parishioners, friends and family to search their archives, photos and memories for items to contribute. Please place your items in an envelope, box or album **clearly marked with your name and phone number** and bring them to the church office during normal business hours or on Sunday mornings. **Address the package to Jerry Vasilatos.** They will be returned to you within **one to three weeks** (depending on the volume of contributions) after they are scanned or transcribed for our use. Please include care instructions for any fragile items, like old cracking photos or breakable items. We cannot guarantee that all items will be included, as we have somewhat limited space in the presentation, but we will work to include as many as possible. Contact Jerry @ 480 242-6659 with any questions or concerns, though I cannot accept dictated contributions or pickup contributions except under special circumstances. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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**Bunco Night**

Proceeds Benefit

**Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation**

Thursday, September 14, 2017---6:00 pm
334 West Bluebird Drive, Chandler 85286

**$30 Per Player-Bring A Friend!**

Drinks, Appetizers, Desserts Provided

No experience needed! Simple rules explained at party!

* Cash Prizes!!
* Silent Auction!!
* 50/50 Raffle!!
* Wear your favorite football team attire!!

Register with
Stacey Grieb 480-227-3061
Stacey1896@gmail.com
or
Frances Weber 602-690-4822
Weberopoulos@yahoo.com

**Text, call, or email. Provide your name, phone number, and the number of players attending.**

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**Daughters of Penelope**

Aegina Chapter #340 of the Daughters of Penelope did not meet as a chapter over the summer, but many of our sisters attended our District and National Conventions. The objectives of the Daughters of Penelope are to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family & Individual Excellence. The Daughters of Penelope is open to all Christian women.

Our officers were all reelected for the upcoming 2017-1018 year! Returning officers are Georgia Souris-President, Stacey Grieb-Vice President, Francis Weber-Treasurer, and Kathy Skye-Secretary. Congratulations also to Stacey Grieb for being awarded our Chapter and District Penelope of the Year!

The Aegina Chapter #340 of the Daughters of Penelope usually meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7p from September to June. Our next meeting is September 18th. If interested in joining, contact Stacey Grieb (480) 227-3061 or Georgia Souris (480) 813-9031.

For more info: visit the national website: [daughtersofpenelope.org](http://daughtersofpenelope.org)
**Church Foods, Culture & Tradition**

*In this issue we will discuss the Feast of the Dormition. In upcoming issues of the Spirit, we will include articles about other feasts, fasts, Church foods as well as interesting aspects of our culture and traditions. Is there a topic you would like to see included on this page? Please email your suggestions and ideas to: office@st-katherine.org for consideration in future issues.*

**Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Dormition**

*(From The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America website)*

**Introduction**

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kímisís) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

**Biblical Story**

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

The commemoration of the Dormition of the Theotokos and the preparation for the Feast begins on August 1 with a period of fasting. A strict fast is followed on most of the days (no meat, dairy, oil, or wine), with the exceptions of fish on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the day of the Dormition. Oil and Wine are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays.

On the weekdays before the Feast, Paraklesis services are held in most parishes. These consist of the Great Paraklesis and the Small Paraklesis, both services of supplication and prayer for the intercessions of the Theotokos.


Click here to listen to the Hymns of the Feast of the Dormition:

Icon of the Feast

The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos shows her on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. Christ is standing in the center (1.) looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary. With His golden garments, the angels above His head, and the mandorla surrounding Him, Christ is depicted in His divine glory.

1. Christ, appearing in His Glory, stands in the center of the icon cradling the soul of His Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. The posture of the Apostles direct attention toward the Theotokos (2.). On the right Saint Peter censes the body of the Theotokos. On the left Saint Paul (3.) bows low in honor of her.

2. The Apostles bow their heads in reverence to the Theotokos as Saint Peter (right) censes her body (detail). Together with the Apostles are several bishops (4.) and women. The bishops traditionally represented are James, the brother of the Lord, Timothy, Hierotheus, and Dionysius the Areopagite. They are shown wearing episcopal vestments. The women are members of the church in Jerusalem.

3. The Apostle Paul bows in honor of the Theotokos (detail).

4. Also in attendance to pray for the Theotokos were several Bishops (detail).

5. In front of the bed of the Theotokos is a candle that helps to form a central axis in the icon. Above the candle is the body of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Standing over His mother is Christ holding her most pure soul. Above Christ the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Mother of God. The Theotokos lies in the center of the icon surrounded by the Apostles and a candle in front of her bed (detail).

This great Feast of the Church and the icon celebrates a fundamental teaching of our faith—the Resurrection of the body. In the case of the Theotokos, this has been accomplished by the divine will of God. Thus, this Feast is a feast of hope, hope in Resurrection and life eternal. Like those who gathered around the body of the Virgin Mary, we gather around our departed loved ones and commend their souls into the hands of Christ. As we remember those who have reposed in the faith before us and have passed on into the communion of the Saints, we prepare ourselves to one day be received into the new life of the age to come.

We also affirm through this Feast as we journey toward our heavenly abode that the Mother of God intercedes for us. Through Christ she has become the mother of all of the children of God, embracing us with divine love.
We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Project Mexico 2017 home building trip a success! Because of your generous prayers and donations two of our young adults Laura Blazev and Talia Curtis were able to join a group of other Orthodox young adults from the valley for a remarkable experience this summer. They spent 7 days in Tijuana, Mexico at the St Innocent’s Orthodox boys orphanage and in that time were able to build a home for a homeless family in the community. The building itself takes 4 full work days. Day one is Foundation day, the group leaves the orphanage property for the first time excited for their first day on-site. Once they arrive at the site, they begin with a prayer. From there, the cement floor is mixed by hand in tubs. They screed, tamp and float the concrete throughout the day. Anchor bolts are also set within the foundation to mount and attach the walls. At the end of the day, they all go home tired and dirty! Day two, the walls go up and this is such an exciting day, because you really get to see the house take shape. Day three they wrap the walls in chicken wire start to install the roof and put up the first coat of stucco. No one leaves the site on day three without being covered head to toe in stucco. Day Four the day is spent putting up the final coat of stucco, finishing the roof and then the most important part: the home blessing. Once the home is finished and the cleanup is complete, everyone joins together in prayer, and the home is blessed for its new family. Each family receives a beautiful icon, a Bible and a key to their new home! This year’s trip was truly a blessed week for everyone involved and it could not have happened without your support. Thank you for your constant love and support of this valuable ministry.

All Saints Camp 2017 was another successful year of camp! We love this ministry where we get to spend a week up in the pines living our faith as a community. We got to share the week with campers from churches all over the valley, and even some kids from out of state! This year our theme was “Made Alive” which is taken from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians and we spent all week discovering that true life is only found in Christ’s church. We had staff fly in from all around the country to help provide the campers with incredible activities such as our 100 foot slip and slide, arts and crafts, campfires, rock wall climbing, water games, dances, and sessions learning about our faith and culture, and Orthodox life. Our favorite part is having the opportunity to start everyday with Orthros, end everyday with Vespers, celebrate the Divine Liturgy outdoors, hymn a candlelit Paraklesis to our Panagia, and start and end every activity and meal of the day with prayer. Thank you to everyone for supporting this ministry for our youth. We are already looking forward to next year!
Hrisi Parea News

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Year of Hrisi Parea fellowship and fun! Hrisi Parea is a Seniors Group who meet on a monthly basis to share news and activities within the Church Community. We celebrate holidays together, we cook together, we play games together, we eat together and enjoy each other’s company for a few hours every month. Sometimes it’s a date for lunch, maybe the theatre, a picnic in the park. We even go on field trips - to chocolate factories with free samples! Often we help with festival baking workshops. Or roll dolmathes. We meet, we talk, we share. We care about one another. Come join in on the fun and fellowship. Watch the church bulletins for information and details. You’re always welcome!

Hrisi Parea
Theatre Outing

Based on the heartwarming film of the same name, Meet Me In St. Louis takes audiences on a musical journey back to the brink of the 1904 World’s Fair. This warmhearted story chronicles the life of a happy family made up of Mr. & Mrs. Smith, their four daughters and one son. With the addition of romantic suitors, comedic misunderstandings, and jovial pranks, this musical is filled with nonstop entertainment featuring memorable musical numbers such as “The Boy Next Door,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” and “A Day In New York”. (Hale Centre Theatre – Gilbert, Arizona)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Hale Theatre – Downtown Gilbert
Tickets Available from Carol at
cnsgreek@aol.com 480-988-3277
7 p.m. $24 per person

Planning Activities for this 2017-2018 will occur during August. Your good ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Send an email to me at cnsgreek@aol.com or call me at 480-988-3277. Also, you can always “catch me at church” to have a chat. Carol Stathopoulos

Membership in Hrisi Parea is $10 per year. Look for our display at the Auxiliary Faire coming up in September at St. Katherine’s to sign up. Some activities also require a monetary donation, usually $7 to $10, especially if a meal is involved. However, no one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.
St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday School Registration 2017-2018

Parents Name(s) ________________________________________________________________

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☐ I am interested in helping with the Church Sunday School

It is our goal to have a teacher for each grade & not group classes together

☐ I am willing to help with the Sunday School Snacks and Donations.

Due to fasting before communion, we provide snacks for the children.
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*All children attending Sunday school must be registered*

Children must be 4 years old by 12/31/17 to register for preschool

Sunday School begins on September 10th
Preschool through 3rd grade will be 30 minutes long 11 To 11:30.
Fourth grade and up will be 45 minutes long, 11 To 11:45.
Art classes for all grades will be 45 minutes long, 11-To 11:45.
*Classes may run longer due to changes in time of communion*

If you are interested in teaching or helping please call the church @ 480-899-3330
Dean Argeros at dargeros@cox.net-- Cell Phone 602-315-1430
or simply check above and we will contact you!

Thank You
Dear youth and young adults,

The Spirit is not just for your parents and grandparents anymore! Our staff has created this new page dedicated to you. We would welcome your input on what you would like to see on this, your page. Our goal is to publish content that will be interesting and relevant to you. With your help that goal can be accomplished.

If you have any suggestions, submissions, photos, news, etc, please email them to: office@st-katherine.org for consideration in upcoming issues of The Spirit.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon!

Your Spirit Staff

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St John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival News

Congratulations to the following St. Katherine youth who were finalists in the Oratorical Festival: Junior Division– Dorian Hardin & Marian Liong, Alternate– Raquelle Ward, Senior Division– Marina Bafaloukos & Alexander Hardin

Special recognition goes to Maria Liong who moved on to compete at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival at St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, California. We’re so proud of your hard work!

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Orthodox Christian Fellowship

College students– did you know that there are OCF chapters on many campuses? OCF is a great way to meet other Orthodox students while you’re away to school, to develop strong friendships and to be a part of a strong Orthodox community.

We want to make sure that every student is given the opportunity to be a part of OCF and stays strong in their Orthodox faith during college. OCF is always willing to collect student contact information for any student on a rolling basis and will do their best to reach out to them personally. However, it is during the first forty days of every school year that they make their most concerted effort to reach new college students.

The First Forty Days: High School to College Transition

Research has shown that many college students form the habits and social groups that they will maintain for the entirety of their college career in the first six weeks of their freshman year. Thus, OCF knows it is critical to personally contact every first-year Orthodox college student so that they know that an Orthodox family awaits them on campus during these crucial formative weeks. Through OCF’s First Forty Days Initiative, our local OCF student leaders, spiritual advisors, and lay coordinators introduce themselves to all new incoming students, making sure that they know about Orthodoxy on campus and nearby Orthodox parishes. It is our hope that through this personal connection, our young college students will not only stay connected but deepen their faith during their years in post-secondary education and graduate to be faithful stewards of parishes across the continent.

Questions or comments? Contact us at: firstfortydays@ocf.net.

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What can the Transfiguration teach us about being the bee?

https://youtu.be/E-mAXioArbs

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Would you like to stay connected with St. Katherine by receiving the Spirit while you’re away at school? Just send your email address to: office@st-katherine.org and we’ll add you (Bcc) to our distribution list.
Word Scramble

1. Who did Jesus take up to the mountain? ct?re mseaJ hno

2. What was the name of the mountain? toMnu boTRe

3. Who became as white as the light? sueJs oSn fo Gdo

4. Who appeared to the left of Jesus, to represent the Prophets? JlaEhi

5. Who appeared to the right of Jesus, to represent the Law? oSMse

6. Who spoke from the cloud above? odG eht ahFrtc

7. What did the voice say? hist si ym elvbedo oSn

8. Who does God want to become radiant with the Holy Spirit? uOv

199. The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

3 ACROSS “Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, brought them up on a high mountain by themselves, and was ______ before them...” MATTHEW 17:1-2

9 ACROSS “And behold, _____ and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.” MATTHEW 17:3

2 DOWN “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a ______ came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’” MATTHEW 17:5

4 DOWN “And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly ______.” MATTHEW 17:6

1 DOWN “But _____ came and touched them and said, ‘Arise, and do not be afraid.’” MATTHEW 17:7

10 ACROSS “And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus ______.” MATTHEW 17:8

8 ACROSS “Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, ‘Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is ______ from the dead.’” MATTHEW 17:9

7 ACROSS “And His disciples asked Him, saying, ‘Why then do the scribes say that ______ must come first?’” MATTHEW 17:10

6 DOWN “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Elijah truly is coming first and will _____ all things.’” MATTHEW 17:11

5 DOWN “Then the disciples _____ that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.” MATTHEW 17:13
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