

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



July 17, 2022
Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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.

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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

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone Four

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Fathers

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for the Holy Woman

Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, "O Jesus, for You, my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. I die for You that I may also live in You. Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice as I offer myself to You with love." At her entreaties and intercessions, save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ. Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σοῦ, ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἄμωμον προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι. Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον 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

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty, but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Τίτον 3:8-15

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς

καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὣν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἄρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὤσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἢ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 5:14-19 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὅς ἐάν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὅς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Saints of the Day

- **The Holy Great Martyr Marina (Margaret)**
- **Veronika & Speratos the Martyrs**
- **Holy Royal Martyrs of Russia**

The Great Martyr Marina (Margaret)

This Martyr lived during the reign of Claudius II (268-270). She was from Pisidia of Cilicia and was the only daughter of a certain priest of the idols. On being orphaned by her mother, she was handed over to a certain woman who instructed her in the Faith of Christ. When she was fifteen years old, she was apprehended by the ruler of Olmbrius, and when asked her name, homeland, and faith, she answered: "My name is Marina; I am the offspring of the Pisidia; I call upon the Name of my Lord Jesus Christ." Because of this she endured bonds, imprisonment, and many whippings, and was finally beheaded in the year 270. Saint Marina is especially invoked for deliverance from demonic possession.

Service Schedule—Week of July 17th

Sunday, July 17th: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 23rd: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- **Saturday, August 27th:** St. Katherine Gyro Day
- **Saturday, October 15th:** St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration
- **Sunday, November 6th:** Fall General Assembly
- **Sunday, December 11th:** Stewardship Sunday

Welcome to Our Visitors



We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord and 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. If you are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. If you choose to do this, when you come to the chalice simply say, "a blessing please."

For those who are Orthodox and desire to receive the Body of Blood of Christ, please be prepared through confession (no less than 4 times a year), be reconciled in your heart with all, and having observed the fasting guidelines set forth by the Church. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member, as well as begin receiving News & Updates please contact our Church office:
office@st-katherineaz.org or call 480-899-3330.

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more please contact Fr. Timothy:
frtimskchurch@gmail.com

Helpful Information:

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open after church on: July 24.
Closed during August for Inventory and Re-stocking
Bookstore will re-open on September 4, 2022.

Sunday School: On Recess for the Summer.

Fellowship Hour: On recess until August 7th. The Community Center will be closed in July for maintenance.

Note: 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. After these moments, you may enter:

- Whenever the Priest is 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:

*Sunday Homilies: To access all Homilies, <https://stkatherineaz.org/>

*For Matins Text visit: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](#)

*Saints, Feasts, Epistle & Gospel readings: <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/calendar>

Please silence cell phones when in church.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.



Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Living:

- Andrew, discernment and wisdom
- Christina Manasses, for health and healing
- Those in our congregation with the Covid virus
- Peace in Ukraine, consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- Our parishioners serving in the armed forces– Scott Fagerberg
- Seminarian Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis
- Seminarian Nicholas Makarios

Adult Modern Greek Language Class

Classes will begin again in September (please check our website later in the summer for start dates).

This fall, students in both Beginner and Intermediate classes will continue with the assigned textbook, picking up where they left off last session.

New students are absolutely welcome to join but will need to demonstrate some level of proficiency in order to be in either class, so that everyone can progress together. Class fees are \$75 monthly.

Attention Parents!

Our Online Summer School Session begins the week of July 25th and ends the week of September 5th.

Your teacher is Kiria Yulie Archontaki. The class will take place on Wednesday from 9:00am -10:00 am PST.

To register go to: <https://greekschoolonline.org/>

The valley Philoptochos chapters are hosting a presentation/fundraiser for the benefit of the humanitarian relief organization: [Help Ukraine 22](#)

Our guest speaker is Brian Mefford, Managing Director of [Help Ukraine 22](#). He has lived and worked in Ukraine for over 20 years. He will be in Phoenix on July 23rd to share first-hand experience on the devastation caused by this war and how our donations can help alleviate the suffering. We invite everyone to support us in our efforts to help those in need!

 HELP UKRAINE 22 OPERATION PALYANYTSYA	Saturday, July 23rd, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral 1973 E Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016
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You're Invited

Please join us for a special afternoon charity event devoted to raising funds for the immediate needs of the people of Ukraine.

Help Ukraine 22 - Operation Palyanytsya is a humanitarian aid effort to fill gaps in immediate assistance for Ukrainians in need. HU22 is a team of American & Ukrainian experts who are putting everything they have into helping Ukrainians affected by the war.

(The word palianytsia is used as a [shibboleth](#) in the [Ukrainian language](#), to identify people for whom the Ukrainian language is not native of, and to whom it is not phonetically familiar.)

Host Committee:

The Valley Philoptochos Chapters:
St. Anna (St. Haralambos GOC)
St. Barbara (Assumption GOC)
St. Irene (St. Katherine GOC)
St. Katherine (Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral)

Guest Speaker:

Brian Mefford
Managing Director of
Help Ukraine 22

Donation Goal:

Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 by donating as generously as possible.

To RSVP or for questions please contact

Marjie Thorpe at:

philoptochos@stkatherineaz.org

Please make all donations, either online or by check directly to:

<https://helpukraine22.org/>

Contribute:



Stewardship Message

Assessing your history of charitable giving

Over the last 7–8 months I have written a lot about charitable giving. I’ve mentioned a process of educating the parish about the concepts of giving; specifically, as it relates to giving of one’s time, talent and treasure to the church. Through this education process we hope to “change the paradigm of giving” and create a ministry based on gratitude for all we have been given in this life. As discussed in a prior essay, we want our parishioners to become transformational givers and not remain transactional givers. Your gifts will not only transform St. Katherine (and its ministries and outreach) but will also (and more importantly) transform you, the giver.

This month, I wanted to share an exercise I completed during a course on religious fundraising I was able to attend. It’s an exercise that helps us to think about our philanthropic capacity and analyze our charitable giving. Not only to the church, but to all charitable causes to which we donate. I thought it was very revealing not because it allowed me to see the amounts my family was donating, but to what causes we were donating. I knew how much we donated, but never really looked at the causes or organizations we were supporting. Putting it on paper helped me see what our giving patterns were and helped us make changes we felt would be appropriate going forward. We all want our donations to ‘make a difference’ and/or reflect our passions.

Complete the exercise below and determine if it helps you see if your charitable giving reflects your spiritual values, passions, your faith journey and the important life-cycle intersections that have made you who you are. You too, may find that a quick inventory of what and to whom you give may show you’re giving too much to a cause that doesn’t reflect who you really are or what you really want; or that you’re not giving enough to something that is vital to you right now.

In this exercise you simply:

- 1) list your charitable contributions over the last year (or any year; or a series of years)
- 2) break down your giving into dollar amounts. See what giving patterns emerge as to size of gifts, purpose of each gift or circumstances and motivations surrounding the gift
- 3) think about how your charitable giving reflects what was discussed above (values, passions, etc)

I found it easier to complete and “see” my responses by making a small table that showed each:

Organizations donated to	Amount Given	Why I gave
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When you look at the finished product, you should be able to see a pattern to your charitable ‘history.’ Is it what you thought it would be? Is it what you want it to be? Do the organizations to which you donate need your support? Overall, how do you feel about your charitable giving?

Some questions to ponder going forward:

- Am I giving to the right organizations?
- Am I giving enough to organizations I feel passionate about?
- How much could I give if I felt good about a cause/mission?
- What relationships do I want to nurture and preserve in my giving?
- How have I expressed my gratitude for my blessings to God and to others in the past?

How would I like to express my gratitude in the future?

I hope you all complete this exercise. I also hope it enlightens you about your history of charitable giving and helps you assess how you feel about your contributions to causes you support, admire or are passionate about.

John Chrisagis, *Stewardship Chair*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Thank you to all who have filled out and turned in your 2022 Stewardship cards. To date we have received 135 pledges totaling \$256,651.

Please help us reach our Stewardship pledge goal this year. May God bless us and this parish as a whole for all that each and every one of us brings as our offering to our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Bride, the Church. (Fr. Timothy)

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 tithes, general donations, or specific donations for any ministry. Please make note in memo, where you want your donation allocated to.





St. Katherine
Greek Orthodox Church



*Celebrating Forty Years
of Orthodoxy in the East Valley!*

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Ticket details coming soon!

COCKTAILS | 6 PM

DINNER & DANCING | 7 PM

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