

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



July 10, 2022
4th Sunday of Matthew

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, Pastor
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Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

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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

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 6:18-23 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἐλευθερωθέντες δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας, ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. Ἀνθρώπινον λέγω διὰ τὴν ἀσθένειαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὑμῶν· ὥσπερ γὰρ παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, οὕτως νῦν παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἁγιασμόν. Ὅτε γὰρ δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἀμαρτίας, ἐλεύθεροι ἦτε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. Τίνα οὖν καρπὸν εἶχετε τότε ἐφ' οἷς νῦν ἐπαισχύνεσθε; Τὸ γὰρ τέλος ἐκείνων θάνατος. Νυνὶ δὲ ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας, δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ θεῷ, ἔχετε τὸν καρπὸν ὑμῶν εἰς ἁγιασμόν, τὸ δὲ τέλος ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τὰ γὰρ ὀψώνια τῆς ἀμαρτίας θάνατος, τὸ δὲ χάρισμα τοῦ θεοῦ ζωὴ αἰώνιος ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 8:5-13 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνω, εἰσελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ εἰς Καπερναοὺμ προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ἑκατόνταρχος παρακαλῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ὁ παῖς μου βέβληται ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ παραλυτικός, δεινῶς βασανιζόμενος. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἐγὼ ἐλθὼν θεραπεύσω αὐτόν. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος ἔφη· Κύριε, οὐκ εἰμὶ ἰκανὸς ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθῃς· ἀλλὰ μόνον εἰπέ λόγῳ, καὶ ἰαθήσεται ὁ παῖς μου. καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἄνθρωπός εἰμι ὑπὸ ἐξουσίαν, ἔχων ὑπ' ἑμαυτὸν στρατιώτας, καὶ λέγω τούτῳ, πορεύθητι, καὶ πορεύεται, καὶ ἄλλῳ, ἔρχου, καὶ ἔρχεται, καὶ τῷ δούλῳ μου, ποίησον τοῦτο, καὶ ποιεῖ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐθαύμασε καὶ εἶπε τοῖς ἀκολουθοῦσιν· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ τοσαύτην πίστιν εὔρον. λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι πολλοὶ ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν καὶ δυσμῶν ἤξουσι καὶ ἀνακλιθήσονται μετὰ Ἀβραὰμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν, οἱ δὲ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας ἐκβληθήσονται εἰς τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον· ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ ἑκατοντάρχῳ· ὕπαγε, καὶ ὡς ἐπίστευσας γενηθήτω σοι. καὶ ἰάθη ὁ παῖς αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐκεῖνῃ.

Saints of the Day

- 4th Sunday of Matthew
- 45 Holy Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia
- Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Assa
- Parthenios and Eumenios of Koudoumas

45 Holy Martyrs of Nikopoulos, Armenia:

The Forty-five Martyrs of Nikopolis contested during the reign of Licinius, in the year 315. After many torments, they were burnt alive.

Service Schedule—Week of July 10th

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

Saturday, July 23rd: No 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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Community Center after the service.

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: Summer Hours open after church on Sundays: July 10 & 24, August - Closed for Inventory and Re-stocking, Re-open: 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)

If you are not Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the chalice during the distribution of Holy Communion. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that Communion must be prepared for by fasting, reconciliation, and recent confession.

Resources:

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

*Apolytikions and Kontakions: [AGES Digital Chant Stand](#)

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

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:

- Dionisia, healing and health
- Halei and family, bereavement
- Andrew, discernment and wisdom
- Those in our congregation with the Covid virus
- Peace in Ukraine, consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- Our youth who will attend All Saints Summer Camp
- Our parishioners serving in the armed forces– Scott Fagerberg
- Seminarian Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis
- Seminarian Nicholas Makarios

Departed:

- Andreas Petrakis-3 years

Adult Modern Greek Language Class

Classes have ended for the summer and 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!

The Metropolis is offering a Children's Greek Language Program Online this summer beginning July 17th until the 1st week of September. If you are interested, contact Katerina Iconomou at katerina@katerinaonline.com or call (503) 997-5459.

There is currently no Children's Greek School at St. Katherine. We hope to reestablish this program in the near future.

Women's Ministry Luncheon

The next Women's Ministry Luncheon has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16 at 11:30 AM at:

Chompies
3481 W. Frye Road
Chandler, AZ 85226

To reserve an appropriate space, we need an **RSVP** either by email: jbafrn@aol.com or phone 480-205-2655 **by July 12.**

Please feel free to invite others you think may be interested in coming. Look forward to seeing all of you.

Regards, Jackie

Stewardship Report Mission, Vision & Core Values

Fellow parishioners,

I mentioned early on that stewardship is based on relationships, and the most important relationship we can cultivate, next to our relationship with Christ, is the relationship between parishioners, and those among the parishioners who have taken on leadership roles for the good of our Parish. I also mentioned that whatever we do with our stewardship ministry and the subsequent use of funds must be in accordance with our parish mission. A considerable amount of time was devoted to developing a mission statement, vision statement and a statement of core values to present to the Parish. All of which align with the teachings and commandments of our Lord. They are our guiding documents; “channel-markers,” if you will. Everything we do at St. Katherine should be guided by these values to assist leadership and parishioners alike in keeping us on track to fulfill them.

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VISION STATEMENT: To be a place where the Kingdom of Heaven intersects with our daily life and diverse challenges; helping us to live a sacramental life while imitating Christ; and bringing His Light to the world so that all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth.

OUR CORE VALUES:

Growing Faith

Prayer

Love

Service

Respect

Compassion

These statements of mission and vision are published on our website. Refer to them when you have thoughts, concerns, or praise for the changes we are implementing to help us fulfill our mission.

John Chrisagis

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)

RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

PERCENT OF INCOME	5%		8%		10%	
	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly	Annual Giving	Weekly
Annual Income						
\$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.

New Convenient Ways to Give!

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.



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:

