

# Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**July 31, 2022  
7th 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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### **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 Plagal Tone Two

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Ἄγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### Apolytikion for the Saint

The Master who called you to eternal mansions on high preserves incorrupt your body even after you died, O holy Evdokimos; for you had led a lifestyle of self-restraint and decorum, never staining your flesh; and therefore truly you are blessed. With confidence intercede with Christ to save our souls.

Ἐκ γῆς ὁ καλέσας σε, πρὸς αἰωνίους μονάς, τηρεῖ καὶ μετὰ θάνατον ἀδιαλώβητον, τὸ σῶμά σου, Ἄγιε· σὺ γὰρ ἐν σωφροσύνῃ, καὶ σεμνῇ πολιτείᾳ, μάκαρ ἐπολιτεύσω, μὴ μολύνῃς τὴν σάρκα· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

### 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 τῇ μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

## Epistle Reading

Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 15:1-7

Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὄνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὄνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δώη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### Ματθαῖον 9:27-35

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κρίζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυΐδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσήλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεώχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῆ ἐκείνῃ.

Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

## Saints of the Day

- Forefeast of the Precious Cross
- Dionysios the Righteous Martyr of Vatopaidi
- Joseph the Righteous of Arimathea

**Saint Joseph of Arimathea** was a prominent Jewish leader during the time of Jesus Christ. He is mentioned in the Gospels as being a rich man from Arimathea who was a secret disciple of Christ due to his status in the Sanhedrin. After the crucifixion and death of our Lord, Joseph approached Pontius Pilate out of piety and asked for the body of Jesus so that he might bury it honorably. He, together with Saint Nicodemus, removed the body of Christ from the cross in the presence of the Theotokos and the Myrrh-Bearing Women, wrapped it in a linen shroud, anointed it with spices, and laid it in a new tomb that he owned. This disciple later traveled the world proclaiming the Gospel until he reposed in peace in England. The Church commemorates him individually on July 31<sup>st</sup> and along with the Myrrh-Bearing Women and Nicodemus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha (the Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers).

## Service Schedule—Week of July 31st

**Sunday, July 31st:** 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
**Monday, August 1st:** 6:30 p.m. Small Paraklesis  
**Tuesday, August 2nd:** 6:30 p.m. Great Paraklesis  
**Wednesday, August 3rd:** 6:30 p.m. Small Paraklesis  
**Thursday, August 4th:** 6:30 p.m. Great Paraklesis  
**Friday, August 5th:** 6:30 p.m. Small Paraklesis  
**Saturday, August 6th:** 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

## Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- **Sunday, September 11th:** Sunday School Begins
- **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 have observed the fasting guidelines set forth by the Church. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

## 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!

For a variety of online children's Greek language classes please visit:

<https://greeksonline.org/children-classes/>

## Helpful Information:

**Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore:** Closed during August for inventory and re-stocking. Bookstore will re-open on September 4, 2022.

**Sunday School:** On Recess for the Summer. See page 9 for updates.

**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 Orthros (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.**

### St. Irene Philoptochos is Collecting donations for Phoenix rescue Mission Water Drive

St. Irene Philoptochos is hosting a water drive during the month of August, for the benefit of the Phoenix Rescue Mission's Annual "Code Red" campaign to help the homeless during the hottest part of the summer. Monetary donations may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

## 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 , for discernment and wisdom
- Christina Manasses, health and healing
- Charlene Hardin, health and healing
- Nicole Hardin, health and healing
- Sandy Hurley, health and healing
- Jim, health and healing
- For our Sunday School Teachers & Youth Workers
- Those in our congregation suffering with the Covid virus
- For those threatened by fire and extreme weather in Greece, Italy and UK
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: That they may be safe and strong.
- For our Seminarians- that they may prosper and grow in your will – Lord bless:
  - Nikolas Makarios
  - Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis

## 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](mailto: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: [fortimskchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fortimskchurch@gmail.com)





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## Sunday School Update

We are excited to kick-off the start of the year and welcome new and returning families to join our youth programs.

### Youth Table

Please stop by our Youth Table each Sunday in August. Sunday school will be present each week as will another youth program. There will be a special treat or prize for stopping by!  
Learn about our youth ministries!

August 7—GOYA    August 14 -JOY/HOPE    August 21-Greek Dance    August 28- Agape Group

### First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> after communion

Ages 4 through High School

To Register for Sunday School, please use the QR code:



### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for anyone interested in co-teaching or substitute teaching our Sunday School. Please visit us at the Sunday School table for more info.

### Snacks

This year we would appreciate snack donations. You can donate at the youth table in the community center the month of August or give to Maria Morton or Nicolette Wright any other time.

## 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:

<b>Organizations donated to</b>	<b>Amount Given</b>	<b>Why I gave</b>
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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 136 pledges totaling \$258,651.

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, to indicate where you want your donation allocated to.





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*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

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

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