

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**August 21, 2022
10th 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:

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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 in the First Tone

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Apolytikion for the Forefeast

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει, τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας. Ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει, τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, Μητὴρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου 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 θείαν 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

The Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν· ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπάρθενον.

Epistle Reading

Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 4:9-16

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροὶ· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίψημα ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγούς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταὶ μου γίνεσθε.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Gospel Reading continued:

Ματθαῖον 17:14-23

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντων αὐτῶν πρὸς τὸν ὄχλον προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπος γονυπετῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ἐλέησόν μου τὸν υἱόν, ὅτι σεληνιάζεται καὶ κακῶς πάσχει· πολλάκις γὰρ πίπτει εἰς τὸ πῦρ καὶ πολλάκις εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ. καὶ προσήνεγκα αὐτὸν τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου, καὶ οὐκ ἠδυνήθησαν αὐτὸν θεραπεῦσαι. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος καὶ διεστραμμένη! ἕως πότε ἔσομαι μεθ' ὑμῶν; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετέ μοι αὐτὸν ὧδε. καὶ ἐπετίμησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ τὸ δαιμόνιον καὶ ἐθεραπεύθη ὁ παῖς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης. Τότε προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ τῷ Ἰησοῦ κατ' ἰδίαν εἶπον· διατί ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· διὰ τὴν ἀπιστίαν ὑμῶν. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐὰν ἔχητε πίστιν ὡς κόκκον σινάπεως, ἐρεῖτε τῷ ὄρει τούτῳ, μεταβήθι ἐντεῦθεν ἐκεῖ, καὶ μεταβήσεται, καὶ οὐδὲν ἀδυνατήσει ὑμῖν. τοῦτο δὲ τὸ γένος οὐκ ἐκπορεύεται εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Ἀναστρεφόμενων δὲ αὐτῶν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· μέλλει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοσθαι εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἐγερθήσεται. καὶ ἐλυπήθησαν σφόδρα.

Saints of the Day

- **The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus**
- **The Holy Martyr Bassa and Her Sons: Theognis, Agapius, and Pistus**
- **Athanasios Patellaros, Patriarch of Constantinople**

Readings:

The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus

The Apostle Thaddaeus was from Edessa, a Jew by race. When he came to Jerusalem, he became a disciple of Christ, and after His Ascension he returned to Edessa. There he catechized and baptized Abgar (see Aug. 16). Having preached in Mesopotamia, he ended his life in martyrdom. Though some call him one of the Twelve, whom Matthew calls "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus" (Matt. 10:3), Eusebius says that he is one of the Seventy: "After [Christ's] Resurrection from the dead, and His ascent into Heaven, Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles, inspired by God, sent Thaddaeus, one of the seventy disciples of Christ, to Edessa as a preacher and evangelist of Christ's teaching" (Eccl. Hist. 1: 13).

The Holy Martyr Bassa and Her Sons: Theognis, Agapius, and Pistus

The Martyrs were from Edessa of Macedonia. Bassa was the wife of a certain Valerian, a priest of the idols, to whom she bore three sons and raised them in piety. She was betrayed with her sons to the proconsul by her own husband; each of her sons was tormented before her and beheaded. For refusing to worship the idols, she was imprisoned, cast into water and then fire, was stoned, and remaining unharmed, was brought to the temple to worship the idols. Laying hold upon the idol of Zeus, she overturned it and broke it to pieces. After being preserved through further torments, she was beheaded, about the year 290, in the reign of Maximian.

Service Schedule—Week of August 21st

Sunday, August 21st: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 27th: 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, “a blessing please.”

Orthodox Christians desiring to receive the Body of Blood of Christ must ensure proper preparation through confession (minimum 4 times a year), reconciliation in your heart with all, and observation of 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 and 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

“Taste of Greece” Gyro Day–Call for Volunteers!

Dear Family and Friends.

The next St. Katherine “A Taste of Greece” Gyro Day will be held Saturday, August 27, 2022, in our Community Center. This event will feature take home or indoor dining. Our parish relies on events of this type but it’s tough to succeed without your help.

“**Call for volunteers**” for both Friday evening and Saturday, August 26–27. Open spots are available with setup, food preparation, food line, table cleanup/wipe down, teardown. To volunteer or for additional information, contact:

- Vange Archuleta, varchuleta@cox.net (General Information)
- Kathy Connell, MadGreekKathy@aol.com (Food Line)
- Dr. John Chrisagis, jchrisagis@keplrvision.com (Kitchen/Cook)
- Daryl Connell etacoaches4@aol.com (Set-up/Tear-down)

A valid Food Handler’s card is required, no exceptions. Visit “Maricopa County Food Handler Cards” for information on how you can obtain your certificate.

Thank you in advance with appreciation and gratitude and on behalf of the “Taste of Greece” committee,

Evangelia Archuleta, Event Chairman

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. A basket for monetary donations is in the Narthex near the office door. (Please make checks payable to St. Irene Philoptochos).



Adult Modern Greek Language Class via Zoom

Intermediate Classes begin September 14th and Beginner classes begin September 15th. Students in both classes will continue with the assigned textbook, picking up where they left off last session.

New students are welcome but will need to demonstrate a level of proficiency to join either class, so that everyone can progress together. Class fees are \$75 monthly. Email Marina Ambus to register: marinaambus@gmail.com

Attention Parents!

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

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

Helpful Information:

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos.

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

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 censuring
- 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.

Upcoming Events/Save the Date

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

St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration

We are blessed to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our beloved St. Katherine parish with a Gala event on Saturday October 15, 2022. Our spiritual Father, his Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, will be with us for this joyous occasion. Some of the details are provided below with more to follow.

Ticket Price \$100.00 - Dinner – Prime Rib/Salmon

Program Book – Advertise your business and/or give Best Wishes on the 40th Anniversary.

In addition to the ads, there will be “In Memoriam” pages, giving parishioners the opportunity to honor those who were instrumental in the

growth of St. Katherine and are no longer with us. Please see a committee member for pricing.

Please stop by the table in the Community Center during coffee hour for ticket sales and Program Book orders.

Silent Auction - We are looking for donations such as: Gift Cards, Gift Certificates for airline miles, rounds of golf, hotels and attractions. No gift is too small, smaller gifts can be combined into gift baskets.

Contact information for the Program Book is forthcoming. Until that time you can contact me at marybsells@gmail.com with any questions.

Looking forward to a successful evening honoring the history of our parish.

Chairman – Mary Bowen



The poster features a white background with green and white floral branches framing the top and sides. At the top center, the text reads "St. Katherine" in a large, gold, serif font, followed by "Greek Orthodox Church" in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. Below that, "40 Year Anniversary Gala" is written in a large, gold, serif font, and "with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos" is in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a gold cross with a circular border around it containing the text "Celebrating Forty Years of Orthodoxy in the East Valley!". To the right, there is a gold and red icon of the Virgin Mary holding a sword. At the bottom, the date "Saturday, October 15, 2022" and "Tickets \$100" are written in a red, serif font. Below that, the event details are listed in a gold, sans-serif font: "COCKTAILS | 6 PM", "DINNER & DANCING | 7 PM", "COCKTAIL ATTIRE", "STKATHERINEAZ.ORG", "2716 NORTH DOBSON ROAD", "CHANDLER, ARIZONA 85224", and "(480) 899-3330".

St. Katherine 40th Anniversary Celebration Silent Auction Update

John & Diana Chrisagis, Dimitrios & Despina Laloudakis and Glenn & Marjie Thorpe will be co-chairing the Silent Auction for the Anniversary dinner!! Thank you to the five of them for accepting my plea for assistance!

First and foremost, we need items to auction. Items that come to mind:

- gift cards to restaurants, salons, movies or other services
- airline miles or hotel points (the holder would have to redeem them for a certificate we could use)
- sports memorabilia / equipment
- foursomes for golf
- weekends or a full week at a time-share or vacation home

Items can and will be put together to make a bigger and better auction piece. Please, no used items and no clothing (unless a team jersey or hat).

The committee is not going to be 'beating the bushes' to get donations. That is for **everyone** in the parish to do. Contact family, friends, business associates or local businesses to see if they would like to donate an item (and have their product advertised to our guests). You can contact any of the committee to give us your items as you procure them. If you need help getting the item to church, contact the committee and we'll see if we can find someone that can help with that. Retired parishioners have told me if we ever need anything picked up, they're more than willing to help. This may be your chance!!

Additionally, cash donations are always welcome. We will have to purchase certain items (such as gift baskets and wrapping) in order to put smaller items together in a 'themed basket.' We can also use the cash donations to purchase items for the Auction.

Get out there and get us some great items!! Any items we do not use will be given to Philoptochos for their next rummage sale!

John Chrisagis

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.

- Ann Trikas, health and healing
- John Zafirakis, health and healing
- Christina Manasses, health and healing
- Charlene & Nicole Hardin, health and healing
- Sandy Hurley, health and healing
- Jim Mitchell, health and healing
- For the teachers and students in our parish, for a good year.
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved.
- For those suffering loss and bereavement from the flooding in Kentucky
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers, that their efforts will be blessed as they prepare for the upcoming year.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: That they may be safe and strong. Lord bless: Scott Fagerberg (at Davis-Monthon AFB)
- For our Seminarians- that they may prosper and grow in your will – Lord bless: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis & Nikolas Makarios



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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 21-Greek Dance** **August 28- Agape Group**

First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, September 11th 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.

Thank you!

“Thank you” to our donors who contributed towards the new air conditioning unit for the Altar. Due to your generosity, we covered the \$9000 cost of the unit plus installation.

On behalf of the Parish Council, and with sincere appreciation and gratitude,
Evangelia Archuleta, President.

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)

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!

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. To ensure your donation is allocated properly, please make a note in the memo indicating your wishes.

