

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**January 8th, 2023
Sunday after Epiphany**

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
Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus
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 - Plagal Tone 1

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection. [

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίοντο τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

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

You appeared today to us * on earth, O Master, * and Your light was signed on us * who cry aloud to You and say * with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

Epistle Reading **Ephesians 4:7-13**

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ἐφεσίους 4:7-13

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνὶ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἄναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἄνέβη, τί ἐστὶν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβάς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφῆτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταστήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 4:12-17**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Ματθαῖον 4:12-17

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλείμ, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλῶν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλείμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότειϊδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρᾳ καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρῦσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Service Schedule
Week of January 8th

Sun., Jan. 8th – Sunday after Epiphany

8:15 am Orthros

9:30 am Divine Liturgy,

Sat. Jan. 14th

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Today we Commemorate:

- George of Hozeva
- Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople
- Atticus and Cyrus, Holy Patriarchs of Constantinople

Saint George lived about the beginning of the ninth century in Palestine, in a certain monastery called Hozeva, which lies in a great ravine between Jerusalem and Jericho.

Saint Domnica was from Carthage. During the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great, she came with four other virgins to Constantinople, where she was baptized by Nectarius, the Patriarch of Constantinople. She remained in Constantinople and became known for her extreme asceticism, the miracles that she worked, and the grace of prophecy that adorned her. She lived until the days of the Emperors Leo and Zeno, reposing in peace about the year 474.

**2023 Stewardship Cards
Available Now!**

Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Stewardship Commitment Card at the candle stand this morning and prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year.



REQUEST FOR BLESSING OF HOME OR BUSINESS

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office or place it in the Narthex tray. You will be contacted by the Church office to schedule your house blessing based on the days and times best for you. When Fr. Timothy comes to bless your home, he will have what he needs, so it's not necessary to have a bowl of water or basil. It typically takes 10 - 15 minutes for the service. He will have many homes to bless, so he will only be able to be in your home for this amount of time. A blessed New Year!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Please Circle the best day(s) and put an X for best time(s)

Mon. Tue. Wed. Fri. Sat.

Mornings (9 – 12 noon) _____ Afternoons (12 – 5) _____ Evenings (5 – 8) _____

St. Irene Philoptochos News

Vasilopita Sale: January 8th during Fellowship Hour.

All proceeds to benefit Saint Basil Academy, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need.

The Academy provides a loving Christian environment where resident children are nurtured to adulthood. The proceeds from each Philoptochos chapter's Vasilopita sale provides funding for the Academy's operating expenses.



2023 Membership Drive – It's time to renew your membership! If you are not yet a member of Philoptochos, we would love for you to join us in our philanthropic works! Membership applications are available in the Narthex.

Helpful Information:

Sunday School: Sunday School: Will resume on January 8th.

Fellowship Hour: Hosted by Presvytera Vicki Pavlatos, Marta & Dimitri Ntatsos

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Will reopen after the new year.

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. You may enter **after** these moments:

- The Priest 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: <https://stkatherineaz.org/homilies>

*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.



Senior GOYA Service Project Update

Last Wednesday, Senior Goyans loaded up all the donations generously given by our St. Katherine's community.

Upon arrival to Maggie's Thrift Store, their workers immediately filled a car with diapers to be delivered directly to the moms. They filtered out some of our donations to give the mothers and their children. Other donations were left to stock the Thrift Store's shelves. Our Senior Goyans and a few chaperones helped clear out old inventory, clean floors and baseboards, dust shelves, organize current inventory, and prepare space for our new donations. They also helped fill holes in the walls, loaded up cars with donations to deliver, and picked up trash around the building. To say that this outreach project was successful is an understatement!

On behalf of Senior Goya, I'd like to offer a huge thank you to all our parishioners who donated to Maggie's Place and to our teenagers who volunteered their time and talents. Way to make a difference!

In Christ,
Athena Gonzales

Journeys to Orthodoxy

For those who have converted to Orthodoxy, I kindly request you share the account of your personal journey to Orthodoxy (b/t 500 – 800 words). Please submit a recent picture of yourself along with your narrative. We will feature one convert's story a month in an individually sent out MailChimp to the parish for others in our community to benefit from the story of your journey. We will also have a category on our website titled "Journeys to Orthodoxy" under the "Our Faith" tab and post your story there as well. Hearing about one's journey is extremely beneficial to all, both to Orthodox Christians (cradle and convert) as well as to those who are searching. If you would like to see some examples, please visit the following website, at St. John's, the parish I last served: <http://stjohnnoc.org/category/journeys-to-orthodoxy/>



Once you have written a brief story of your journey please submit it to our church Administrator Marjie Thorpe at: office@st-katherine.org as well as to our webmaster, Jerry Vasilatos at: retiredjerry@cox.net

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:

- Neil's grandmother June, nearing end-of-life. Also, her husband George.
- Diana, for health and healing
- Laura, for right employment
- Constantine, health and healing
- Presvytera Vicki, health and healing
- John, Anna, Bridgid, Steven, Mary, and Peter, health and healing
- Fr. Dimitri, for relief from suffering
- For the sick in our parish, health and healing
- Peace in Ukraine, consolation for the suffering and bereaved.
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers.
- For our Catechumens and Inquirers.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: Scott Fagerberg (at Davis-Monthon AFB)

For our Seminarians: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis & Nikolas Makarios

Departed:

- Basil Leussis

2023 Wall Calendars, Pocket Calendars, & Daily Bible Reading Guides

Available at the candle stand

Wall Calendars- One per household please

Compliments of:
Bueler Mortuary
14 W. Hulet Drive, Chandler, AZ 85224
480-963-6351



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.

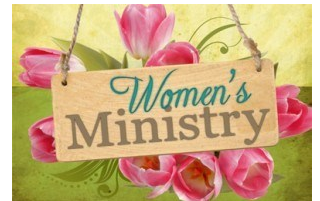
If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy.

Women's Ministry

Place: Rudy's BBQ 7300 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler

Date: Saturday, January 21

Time: 11:30 a.m.



The restaurant has an event room, but we must have at least 15 people to use it.

Please RSVP to Athena Vasilatos (480-242-6658) by Wednesday, January 18 so we can guarantee our reservation.

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

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents

Apokries 2023

Saturday, February 25

Cash Bar 6 PM | Dinner at 7 PM

Greek Mardi Gras | Costumes Optional |

Live Music | Dance | 50/50 Raffle |

Best Costume Prizes for Male, Female and Child



TICKETS: Adults - \$85 | Age 12 and Under - \$20

Call Telis Evripidou at 480-332-6957

Proceeds benefit Arizona Hellenic Foundation's scholarship fund.

Mesa Country Club

660 W. Fairway Drive | Mesa, AZ 85201

Azhellenic.org



8 Dates Series Returns!

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco **Family Wellness Ministry** and the Office of **Youth and Young Adult Ministries** invites all married/engaged couples to participate in the upcoming **Eight Dates** Marriage program. This powerful relationship series presented for the third time is based on the book *Eight Dates* by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. Topics addressed including Conflict; Work and Money, Intimacy, Family, Spirituality, and much more. Any couple wanting to improve their communication and connection can benefit from this lively and evidence based program. **The next session is Jan. 12th at 6:30 pm**



To register: <http://www.familywellnessministry.org/eight-dates>

Welcome Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Yiota for more information:

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com



Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church at different times throughout the year by decorating Icons for Major Feast days of Christ and the Mother of God, The Feast day of St. Katherine, Great Lent, and Holy Week.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact Despina:: dlaloudakis@yahoo.com



Men's Ministry!

As we continue to grow our St. Katherine ministries, we are now working toward beginning a Men's Ministry. A volunteer is needed to lead the team, and others are needed to work with him in developing this ministry's goals, mission, and vision, etc.

If you would like to be involved in starting our men's ministry, and/or would like to participate in it, please email or call the Church Office to give us your contact information.

MILESTONES & MANY YEARS !



Are you celebrating a birth, baptism, birthday/nameday, anniversary or other special occasion that you would like to share with our community? To have your special occasion included in our Weekly Update, please complete the "Milestones & Many Years" form (available at the candle stand) and return it to the church office or a Parish Council member.

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 stewardship, general or specific donations for any ministry. To ensure your donation is

allocated properly, please make a note in the memo indicating your wishes.



RECOMMENDED LEVELS OF GIVING

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