Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



February 19th, 2023 Judgement Sunday, Meatfare Sunday

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, Proistamenos Fr. Philip Armstrong, Priest Emeritus Fr. Demetrios Kavouras, Priest Emeritus

Contact Us:

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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-Tone 3

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, Αἰκατερῖναν 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

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Όταν ἔλθης ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἕλκη, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται, τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στῆναι, Κριτὰ δικαιότατε.

Epistle Reading Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my work-manship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Κορινθίους α' 8:8-13, 9:1-2

Άδελφοί, βρῶμα ἡμᾶς οὐ παρίστησιν τῷ θεῷ· οὔτε γὰρ ἐὰν φάγωμεν περισσεύομεν, οὔτε ἐὰν μὴ φάγωμεν ὑστερούμεθα. Βλέπετε δὲ μήπως ἡ ἐξουσία ὑμῶν αὕτη πρόσκομμα γένηται τοῖς ἀσθενοῦσιν.

Έὰν γάρ τις ἴδῃ σε τὸν ἔχοντα γνῶσιν ἐν εἰδωλείῳ κατακείμενον, οὐχὶ ἡ συνείδησις αὐτοῦ ἀσθενοῦς ὅντος οἰκοδομηθήσεται εἰς τὸ τὰ εἰδωλόθυτα ἐσθίειν; Καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ ἀσθενῶν ἀδελφὸς ἐπὶ τῇ σῇ γνώσει, δι' ὃν Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν; Οὕτως δὲ ἀμαρτάνοντες εἰς τοὺς ἀδελφούς, καὶ τύπτοντες αὐτῶν τὴν συνείδησιν ἀσθενοῦσαν, εἰς Χριστὸν ἀμαρτάνετε. Διόπερ εἰ βρῶμα σκανδαλίζει τὸν ἀδελφόν μου, οὐ μὴ φάγω κρέα εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, ἵνα μὴ τὸν ἀδελφόν μου σκανδαλίσω. Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; Οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; Οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; Εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλά γε ὑμῖν εἰμι· ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίω.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Ματθαῖον 25:31-46

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος[.] Όταν δὲ ἔλθη ὁ υἰὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν τῆ δόξη αὐτοῦ καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄγιοι ἄγγελοι μετ' αὐτοῦ, τότε καθίσει ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καὶ συναχθήσεται ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ ἀφοριεῖ αὐτοὺς ἀπ᾽ ἀλλήλων ὥσπερ ὁ ποιμὴν ἀφορίζει τὰ πρόβατα ἀπὸ τῶν ἐρίφων, καὶ στήσει τὰ μὲν πρόβατα έκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ ἐρίφια έξ εὐωνύμων. τότε ἐρεῖ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῖς ἐκ δεξιῶν αὐτοῦ δεῦτε οἱ εὐλογημένοι τοῦ πατρός μου, κληρονομήσατε τὴν ἡτοιμασμένην ὑμῖν βασιλείαν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ἤμην, καὶ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ περιεβάλετέ με, ἠσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με, ἐν φυλακῆ ἤμην, καὶ ἤλθετε πρός με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῶ οἱ δίκαιοι λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἴδομεν πεινῶντα καὶ ἐθρέψαμεν, ἣ διψῶντα καὶ ἐποτίσαμεν; πότε δέ σε εἴδομεν ξένον καὶ συνηγάγομεν, ἢ γυμνὸν καὶ περιεβάλομεν; πότε δέ σε εἴδομεν ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ ἤλθομεν πρός σε; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐρεῖ αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ᾽ ὅσον ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. τότε ἐρεῖ καὶ τοῖς ἐξ εὐωνύμων· πορεύεσθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ οἱ κατηραμένοι εἰς τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον τὸ ἡτοιμασμένον τῶ διαβόλω καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ. ἐπείνασα γάρ, καὶ οὐκ ἐδώκατέ μοι φαγεῖν, ἐδίψησα, καὶ οὐκ ἐποτίσατέ με, ξένος ήμην, καὶ οὐ συνηγάγετέ με, γυμνός, καὶ οὐ περιεβάλετέ με, ἀσθενὴς καὶ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ οὐκ έπεσκέψασθέ με. τότε ἀποκριθήσονται αὐτῷ καὶ αὐτοὶ λέγοντες· κύριε, πότε σε εἴδομεν πεινῶντα ἢ διψῶντα ἢ ξένον ἢ γυμνὸν ἢ ἀσθενῆ ἢ ἐν φυλακῆ, καὶ οὐ διηκονήσαμέν σοι; τότε ἀποκριθήσεται αὐτοῖς λέγων ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἐφ' ὅσον οὐκ ἐποιήσατε ἐνὶ ξούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων, οὐδὲ ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε. καὶ ἀπελεύσονται οὖτοι εἰς κόλασιν αἰώνιον, οἱ δὲ δίκαιοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

<u>Upcoming Services—Week of February 19th</u>

Sun., Feb. 19th : Orthros, Divine Liturgy, 40-Day Blessing: Kristina Callahan & newborn son Maxwell

Sat. Feb. 25th -9:00 am Divine Liturgy (The Holy Ascetics) & Memorial Service, 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sun., Feb. 26th-Forgivness Sunday: 8:15am Orthros, 9:30 am Divine Liturgy, 6:00pm Forgiveness Vesper Service

For the complete calendar: https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar

Today we Commemorate:

- The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and Onesimus
- Philothei the Righteous Martyr of Athens
- Niketas the Younger

Saint Philothei was born in Athens in 1522 to an illustrious family. Against her will, she was married to a man who proved to be most cruel. When he died three years later, the Saint took up the monastic life and established a convent, in which she became a true mother to her disciples. Many women enslaved and abused by the Moslem Turks also ran to her for refuge. Because of this, the Turkish rulers became enraged and came to her convent, dragged her by force out of the church, and beat her cruelly. After a few days, she reposed, giving thanks to God for all things. This came to pass in the year 1589. She was renowned for her almsgiving, and with Saints Hierotheus and Dionysius the Areopagite is considered a patron of the city of Athens.

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 so others in our community can benefit from the story of your journey. Our website will have a section titled "Journeys to Orthodox"



under the "Our Faith" tab, your story will be posted 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://stjohngoc.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



At our monthly parish council meeting last Monday, I was nominated and elected president of the Parish Council for 2023. I am honored and thankful for the vote of confidence; while also being cognizant of the emotional roller coaster this position can produce. I'll talk more about that in the coming weeks/months.

I'd like to announce the other officers for 2023!

• Glenn Thorpe Vice President

• Antigoni Bhatia Treasurer

• Jeremy Gonzales Assistant Treasurer

• Mary Bowen Secretary

I would also like to announce the appointment of Dr. Nick Kouchis as a member of the parish council. Nick was appointed to finish the term of Mike DeLos who moved back to Connecticut recently. Many thanks to Mike for his assistance during his time on the council.

On behalf of the entire parish I would also like to thank Evangelia Archuleta (Vange) for her commitment, mentorship and leadership the past number of years. She's been on the PC and held leadership positions for so long, I don't even know how long its been!! She has devoted an immeasurable amount of time, treasure and talent to the betterment of St. Katherine. She is the epitome of what it takes to be a good steward of our parish. She will continue to assist as a member of the parish council, while also managing the community center, hall rentals, catering, etc.

There is much to do in our parish. There are many wonderful changes currently taking place and those will continue as our ministries grow and we attempt to fulfill our mission and vision. There will always be hurdles we must overcome, but our responsibility as a parish council is to find solutions that are both efficient and cost-effective. However, there is also a responsibility each and every one of us has to help make St. Katherine the spiritual oasis we all want it to be.

I look forward to the task at hand. Together with the parish council, Father Timothy and all of you, we can do great things for the Glory of God.

Yours in Christ, John Chrisagis

Helpful Information:

Sunday Service Times: 8:15 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday School: Meeting locations: Pre-K to 5th will be in the 4th acre, 6th-12th in the 5th acre.

Fellowship Hour: Sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Usually open on Sundays after Liturgy.

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:

- * Complete Church Calendar: https://stkatherineaz.org/parish-calendar
- *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.

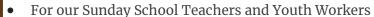


Prayer Requests (Prayers for the living will be retained on the list for 40 days.)

I Peter 4:7 Be serious and discipline yourselves in prayer. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Living:

- Mark, for recovery from accident injuries, and his family
- Victims the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- Aglaia, health & healing
- Nina and her daughter Julia, health and healing
- Diana, for health and healing
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage



- For our Catechumens and Inquirers.
- For our parishioners serving in armed services: Scott Fagerberg.
- For our Seminarians: Emmanuel (Manoli) Aspiotis & Nikolas Makarios, Andrew Moreno **Departed:**
- Jim Mitchell
- Presvytera Kantiana Efstathiu

St. Irene Philoptochos News

2023 Auction Fundraiser

Online Auction opens Tuesday, February 14th! Look for the link in the Weekly Update!



2023 Membership Drive – It's time to renew your membership!

If you are not yet a member of Philoptochos, we invite you to join us in our philanthropic work! Dues are \$35.00 and Membership applications are available in the Narthex.





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

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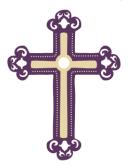




February Potluck and Ice Cream Social!

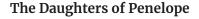
Please join us on Feb. 26th for a special opportunity to attend Forgiveness Vespers as a group before our regular potluck and discussion! Fr. Alexander Eliades (Holy Trinity) will be giving a short talk on Lent followed by a Q&A session.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral 1973 E. Maryland Ave. Phoenix, AZ, 85016



Forgiveness Vespers - 5:00 pm Potluck - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

RSVP by Feb. 20th at https://tinyurl.com/HTCphx

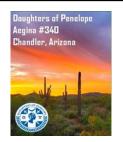


The fundraiser was a big success. All funds raised will provide much needed help to foster children of Arizona.

The Daughters of Penelope, Chapter 340, Chandler, AZ would like to thank everyone that bought chocolate roses.

Ευχαριστώ Πάρα Πολύ

Thank You Very Much



. Attention 7th to 12th Graders

St Katherine's will be holding our St John Oratorical Festival on Sunday, March 5th after church. The winners of our festival will compete at the



state and possibly the metropolis and national competitions which awards scholarships of varying amounts at each level.

For this years topics or to register, please re-Orthodox Archdiocese fer to the Greek Website: https://www.goarch.org/-/st-johnchrysostom-oratorical-festival. Upon registering or for more information, please contact Kathy Waldo.

THANK YOU!



The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with our "Taste of Greece Taverna"!

Our community really came together for the good of St. Katherine church. Because of your willingness to give so many hours of hard work, the event was a big success.

Many thanks to each of our volunteers!

Arizona Hellenic Foundation

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for students of Hellenic descent. For further details and scholarship application please visit the Foundation's website "Azhellenic.org" .

Thank you,

Telis Evripidou President

Arizona Hellenic Foundation

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 vou.

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, 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

Young Adult News

Young Adult Lenten Retreat March 10-11, 2023 St. Paisius Monastery Safford, AZ Register at:

https://assumptionaz.org/montrip

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry at St. Katherine serves to beautify our Church 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 at: <u>dlaloudakis@yahoo.com</u>

Pan-Orthodox Women's Lenten Retreat



Theme: Coming Home – Lenten reflections for women on finding self, service and sanctuarv.

Speaker: Christian Gonzalez, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Director of Ministry of Orthodox Youth Ministries (OYM)

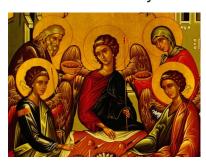
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Location: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 8202 E Cactus Road, Scottsdale, 85260

Sponsored by St. Barbara's Philoptochos of Assumption GOC

For more information contact: Tina Jones tkanelos@gmal.com
Or Emily Kuzava
eckuzava@gmail.com

Welcome Ministry



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

yiotasoublis@hotmail.com

2023 Stewardship Cards Available Now!



94 Steward Families have pledged \$231,354.

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

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 Income	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