

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**February 26th, 2023
Forgiveness Sunday, Cheesefare 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

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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 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος 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

Thou Guide unto wisdom, Bestower of prudence, Instructor of the foolish, and Defender of the poor: establish and grant understanding unto my heart, O Master. Grant me speech, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying unto Thee: Have mercy, O Merciful One, on me who have fallen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Ρωμαίους 13:11-14, 14:1-4

Ἀδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἢ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νῦξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἔριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἄλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιήσθε, εἰς ἐπιθυμίᾳς. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῆ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὅς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενείτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θεὸς σῆσαι αὐτόν.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Ματθαῖον 6:14-21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἐὰν γὰρ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, ἀφήσει καὶ ὑμῖν ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος· ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀφήτε τοῖς ἀνθρώποις τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν, οὐδὲ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ἀφήσει τὰ παραπτώματα ὑμῶν. Ὅταν δὲ νηστεύητε, μὴ γίνεσθε ὡσπερ οἱ ὑποκριταὶ σκυθρωποί· ἀφανίζουσι γὰρ τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν ὅπως φανῶσι τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύοντες· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἀπέχουσι τὸν μισθὸν αὐτῶν. σὺ δὲ νηστεύων ἀλειψαί σου τὴν κεφαλὴν καὶ τὸ πρόσωπόν σου νίψαι, ὅπως μὴ φανῆς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις νηστεύων, ἀλλὰ τῷ πατρὶ σου τῷ ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ σου ὁ βλέπων ἐν τῷ κρυπτῷ ἀποδώσει σοι ἐν τῷ φανερῷ. Μὴ θησαυρίζετε ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅπου σῆς καὶ βρώσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται διορύσσουσι καὶ κλέπτουσι· θησαυρίζετε δὲ ὑμῖν θησαυροὺς ἐν οὐρανῷ, ὅπου οὔτε σῆς οὔτε βρώσις ἀφανίζει, καὶ ὅπου κλέπται οὐ διορύσσουσιν οὐδὲ κλέπτουσιν· ὅπου γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θησαυρὸς ὑμῶν, ἐκεῖ ἔσται καὶ ἡ καρδία ὑμῶν.

Today we Commemorate:

- **Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza**
- **The Holy Great Martyr Photine, the Samaritan Women**
- **Holy Martyr Theocletus**

Saint Photini lived in 1st century Palestine and was the woman that Christ met at Jacob's Well in Samaria as recorded in the Gospel according to John (4:4-26). After her encounter with Christ, she and her whole family were baptized by the Apostles and became evangelists of the early Church. Photini and her children eventually were summoned before the emperor Nero and instructed to renounce their faith in Christ. They refused to do so, accepting rather to suffer various tortures. After many efforts to force her to surrender to idolatry, the emperor ordered that she be thrown down a well. Photini gave up her life in the year 66.

St. Photini is commemorated on three occasions during the year: February 26 (Greek tradition), March 20 (Slavic tradition), and the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman on the 5th Sunday of Pascha.

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

Upcoming Services—Week of February 26th

Sunday, February 26th -Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare Sunday)

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vesper Service

Monday, February 27th

6:00 p.m. Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, February 28th

6:00 p.m. Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 1st

6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 2nd

6:00 p.m. Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 3rd

6:00 p.m. First Salutation to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 4th- Miracle of Koliva

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers

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

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](https://www.gearch.org/chapel/calendar)

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

*Livestream on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stkatherinechandler/videos>

*Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@stkatherinegreekorthodoxch8030/streams>

Please silence cell phones when in church.



Prayer Requests

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



1 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
- Peace in Ukraine, and consolation for the suffering and bereaved
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage
- For our Sunday School Teachers and Youth Workers
- 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 +
- Priestmonk Dorotheos +
- Noah Matthew +



**Kids 'n' Cancer
Camp Agape**



A Ministry of the
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family

Arizona Philoptochos Chapters

2023 Camp Agape Auction & Fundraiser

Our 2023 Auction is live and will run through March 17th.
Additional items will be added weekly, so check back often.

Ways You Can Donate

Donate Money: Click on the link below to donate. 100% of the proceeds from the Agape Ball support Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Family Cancer Camp program. Your generous donations and business will be acknowledged on our auction site.

Donate Gift Items: We are collecting additional donations of gift items, gift cards, etc. for the online auction.

Start Bidding on items in our Online auction. Additional items will be added weekly, so check back often.

Click on link to go to our online auction
[To DONATE Click Here](#)

If you would like to donate an item you can
reply to this email or contact

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Give Your Heart to a Child

- \$2,500 Family of Five 4 Day Camp Expenses
- \$1,500 Family of Three 4 Day Camp Expenses
- \$500 One Camper 4 Day Camp Expenses
- \$150 Family of Five Welcome Bag of Toiletries
- \$100 Family of Three Welcome Bag of Toiletries
- \$50 One Child Filled Backpack
- \$25 One Child Sleeping Bag



Spring General Assembly



Mark your calendars! The Spring General Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, March 19, in the Community Center following dismissal of Liturgy.

Please note: To vote at a General Assembly meeting one must be a current steward. If you have not completed a 2023 pledge card, please do so right away, so that you can participate and vote on issues affecting our parish.

All stewards should make plans to attend and participate.

A decorative graphic with the Greek phrase "Χρόνια Πολλά" (Chronia Polla) written in a blue, elegant, cursive script. The text is centered on a light blue, textured rectangular background.

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.

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 metropolitan and national competitions which awards scholarships of varying amounts at each level.



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

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 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.

St. Irene Philoptochos News



General Meeting Monday, February 27th at 7:30pm (after Compline) in the Sunday School house.

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.

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:
ftrimschurch@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:
dlaloudakis@yahoo.com

Pan-Orthodox Women's Lenten Retreat



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

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@gmail.com
Or Emily Kuzava
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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 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.