

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church



**February 25th, 2024
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

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

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

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

Resurrection Apolytikion

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 ἠϋδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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 τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Saviour: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

Φαρισαίου φύγωμεν ὑψηγορίαν, καὶ Τελώνου μάθωμεν, τὸ ταπεινὸν ἐν στεναγμοῖς, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κραυγάζοντες· Γλαθὶ μόνε ἡμῖν εὐδιάλλακτε.

Epistle Reading: Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 3:10-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:10-14 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήχητο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμὶ ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἐστῶς οὐκ ᾔθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπτεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vesper Schedule

LENTEN VESPERS

SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

MARCH 24 | ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH, PHOENIX, 6 PM

MARCH 31 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMANIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH, GLENDALE, 6 PM

APRIL 7 | ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
PHOENIX, 6 PM

APRIL 14 | ST. KATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,
CHANDLER, 6 PM

APRIL 21 | STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH IN
AMERICA, PHOENIX, AZ, 6 PM

Today we Commemorate:

- **Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople**
- **Reginos, Bishop of Skopelos**
- **Holy Martyr Alexander of Thrace**

Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople-This Saint was the son of one of the foremost princes in Constantinople, and was originally a consul and first among the Emperor's private counselors. Then, in 784, he was elected Patriarch of Constantinople by the Sovereigns Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitus. He convoked the Seventh Ecumenical Council that upheld the holy icons, and became the boast of the Church and a light to the clergy. He reposed in 806.

Services — Week of February 25th

Saturday, March 2nd - No Great Vespers –Cancelled

Fr. Timothy out of town: Fr. Timothy will be on vacation from Monday, February 26th and back in the Church office the week of March 11th.

Catechumen Meeting Today

Our 3rd Catechumen Meeting will take place today, right after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy. We will meet in the balcony of the Church. When you exit the main part of the church, the stairs will be through the door on your left.

Welcome to Our Visitors

We welcome you with open arms and joy in our Lord , we 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.

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 are not Orthodox, you may approach the Chalice for a blessing. To do this, come to the chalice and simply say, “a blessing please.”

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com



Our Parish Family

If you are new to our parish and would like to become a member, please contact our Church office: office@st-katherineaz.org or call 480-899-3330.

To subscribe to our newsletter please visit: <https://stkatherineaz.org/>

If you are visiting and/or inquiring about the Orthodox faith and are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Timothy: frtimskchurch@gmail.com

Helpful Information:

Sunday School: St. John Chrysostom Parish Level Oratorical Festival will take place during Sunday School today.

Fellowship Hour: Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council.

Dean Pappas Memorial Bookstore: Open on Sundays, after Divine Liturgy.

Hrisi Parea Seniors: Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, locations vary.

Please make every effort to arrive for services a little early.

If you arrive late, it is important to observe the following moments in the Divine Liturgy when you should **not** enter the Nave but wait quietly in the Narthex:

1. During the Small Entrance
2. During the Epistle Reading
3. During the Gospel Reading
4. During the Homily
5. When the Priest is censuring just before the Great Entrance
6. During the Great Entrance
7. From the Creed until after the Consecration of the Gifts
8. During the Lord's Prayer

A Parish Council member will gladly assist if you have any question about the appropriate times to enter the Nave.

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.goarch.org/chapel/calendar)

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

*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.)

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

Living:

- Randy Aubrey, for health
- Ann Trikas, for health
- Sandy, for health
- Patsy Morden, bereavement
- James, and our American Troops, for safety
- For our Parish Council
- For our Sunday School teachers and students
- For our catechumens and inquirers
- Peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
- For those impacted by wars, earthquakes, fires, and floods around the world
- For Fr. Nicholas, the staff, and boys at St. Innocent Orphanage



For our seminarians: Nikolas Makarios and Andrew Moreno

Departed:

- Tom Morden +
- Mary Louise Theodoropoulos +
- Eleni Kasselakis (Mother of Tassia Pouladas)+

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Our Parish-level Annual St John Oratorical Festival will be taking place on Sunday February 25th during Sunday School.

In addition to speeches by our 7th to 12th graders, we will also be hosting a local festival for our 5th and 6th graders.

For those in grades 7th to 12th who create and present a speech, we will be offering a \$50 scholarship in addition to being able to move on to the district festival.

Any 5th or 6th grader who participates will receive a goody bag. There is no district festival for this age.

St Katherine's is also honored to host the district St John Oratorical Festival this year which will take place on Saturday, March 30th.



Philoptochos General Meeting

Sunday, March 3rd after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy, in the 4th acre Sunday School House.

New friends and members are always welcome!

Please come join us to find out about the projects we have planned and to help us in our philanthropic work!



Taverna Volunteers Needed!



Our next Taverna event is coming up on Saturday, March 16th and we need lots of volunteers, especially Kitchen Help, Food Servers, and Table Busing. Any amount of time you can spend helping would be appreciated. Just click the link below, complete your contact information, and in the "comment" box, specify the specific times you can volunteer (for example: 10:00am-2:00pm).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C49A9A92CA2F85-48060684-stkatherines#/>

Please note: The Arizona State Health Department requires a current "Food Handlers Card" for those helping in the kitchen and with food service. The card may be obtained by taking a short course available on either of the following links:

<https://www.statefoodsafety.com/>
<https://www.efoodhandlers.com/Food-Handlers/>

The course is followed by the Health Department's online test, once you have passed the test you will be issued a certificate which is valid for 3 years.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to, and support of St. Katherine Church!

Arizona Hellenic Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students.



For eligibility requirements and scholarship application please visit the foundation's website:

www.Azhellenic.org

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.



ALL SAINTS CAMP 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 15

CAMP SHADOW PINES | HEBER, AZ

MAY 26 - JUNE 1

WWW.ALLSAINTSCAMPARIZONA.ORG

Daughters of Penelope



Daughters Of Penelope Aegina 340 wish to thank everyone who supported our Valentine's Chocolate Roses Fundraiser for Water By Women. (Formerly Water With Blessings)

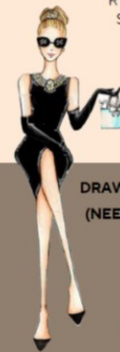
If anyone would like to know more about Water By Women, here is a link to their website: <https://www.waterforwomenfund.org/en/index.aspx>

All Saints Camp Fundraiser

BE A STYLISH SUPPORTER
WIN A DESIGNER HANDBAG

RAFFLE PRESENTED BY
ST. KATHERINE GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

PROCEEDS GO TO
ALL SAINTS
CAMP



DRAWING HELD AT ST. KATHERINE
ON MARCH 17TH, 2024
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

PRIZES

- CULT GAIA CLUTCH (RETAIL \$300)
- TORY BURCH, EMERSON LARGE TOTE (RETAIL \$400)
- GRAND PRIZE: LOUIS VUITTON TOTE (RETAIL \$1900)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
FOR \$50

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
STKATHERINEAZEVENT@GMAIL.COM
602.319.6508

Paper Shredding-April 6th

DRIVE-THRU Paper SHREDDING, COFFEE & TREATS

Bring your personal, confidential documents to shred! \$20 for the first 3 boxes, and then \$5 per additional box. This will be secure on-site shredding!

Sit back, relax, buy a coffee, and have a delicious, sweet treat while we get your documents shredded. When we're done, you will take your boxes home with you.

DATE CHANGE... NOW

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

from 8am to noon

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
2716 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

Community Speaker Event



COMMUNITY SPEAKER EVENT MARCH 9, 2024

Paul & Cindy Karos of Matrona Ministries will offer two lectures.

11:00 am for Young Adults

Our Careers and Our Life in Christ: Where is the Synergy?

Join us as we explore the Orthodox perspective on work.

As a bonus, we will do an exercise that will help us discern our natural gifts and talents that have been given to us by God.

3:00 pm for entire Parish Community

The Ultimate Building Project: The Human Person

Join us as we explore St. Paul's teaching on our life as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

As part of our time together, we will do our own personal "home inspection."

5:00 pm Vespers

Matrona Ministries provides Orthodox Christians with tools and services to spiritually navigate the challenges and struggles of daily life in contemporary culture.

SAVE THE DATE

For more information contact
Niko Paris at youth@assumptionaz.org

Apokries 2024—Buy Your Tickets!



Arizona Hellenic Foundation Presents
Apokries 2024

Greek Mardi Gras | Dance | Door Prize | 50/50 Raffle | Costume Optional |
Best Costume Prizes for Male, Female & Child

Saturday, March 9, 2024
Cash Bar 6 PM | Dinner 7 PM | Close 11 PM
Tickets: Adults \$100 | 12 and under \$25

Please call Telis Evripidou at 480-332-6957.
Proceeds to benefit Arizona Hellenic Foundation's scholarship fund.



Mesa Country Club
660 W. Fairway Drive | Mesa, AZ 85201

Azhellenic.org



Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Fundraiser

Give Your Heart to a Child & Their Family

KIDS 'N' CANCER CAMP AGAPE ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Arizona Camp Agape

The Arizona Philoptochos Chapters are reaching out to the community to support the Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape Online Auction.

Besides bidding on auction items, you can provide monetary donations/sponsorships.

ANY AMOUNT WILL HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

Please visit the auction site to donate →



[32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024](https://www.32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024)
facebook.com/Kids-n-Cancer-Camp-Agape

For more information or to donate an item
for the auction call Kathy Connell at 602-524-1959
or Sam Kladis at 480-570-2539

**Kids 'n' Cancer
Camp Agape**



A Ministry of the
Catholic Order of the
Ladies Philoptochos Society

Kids 'n' Cancer is a non-profit community
outreach program of The SFO Ladies
Philoptochos Society, Tax ID #364585276

<https://www.32auctions.com/KidsnCancerCampAgape2024>

2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have 115 families who have pledged \$291,961 toward our 2024 stewardship goal of \$396,000.



Light a Virtual Candle

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)



At times it may not be possible to physically go to church and light a candle, so we offer this option for those who would like to make an offering of prayer and faith by lighting a virtual candle.

<https://stkatherineaz.org/light-a-candle>

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 properly allocated, 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.